

# **The WEEKLY REPORT**

## **ANORAKS**

### **The First with the News in Print**

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First off this week, we must apologise for the rather poor print quality of last week's report. This was due to our normal copier breaking down, and an older one having to be used instead. We hope the print will be back to it's normal quality this week, however. Also, being in the midst of the 'Bank Holiday Season', the report will be yet again, one day late, arriving with you, despite our posting it on Sunday evening. This is, of course, beyond our control.

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** "TX - Radio Today" (TX14), finally arrived here this week, and as usual contains news, views and listings from all the stations currently receivable in the London area. Features this time are from RFM, Radio Fiona and a review of the Green Paper issued a few weeks ago. The cost of this glossy covered, A4, 28 page, magazine is £1.50, which includes postage and packing in a hard walled poster tube, to avoid any damage..... **A set of four excellent black and white photographs of Laser 558**, taken during its early days in May/June 1984. These measure 7" x 5", and feature 1) A front view of the ship, 2) A side view of the ship, 3) Studio shot with Paul Dean, Steve Masters, and David Lee Stone, 4) The ship at a distance. These old shots of the station, shortly after it started, can be obtained for £2.00 per set, and will no doubt end up as a collector's item in time to come. Recommended..... We are puzzled about the non - arrival of FRM Magazine, which we understand is available in Europe.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Plenty of reading matter arrived during the week, starting off with issue 50 of the A5 magazine **Media Monitor**, which contains 28 pages of news and schedules from both the legal and clandestine world of radio, including several pages on the London free radio scene. Sample copies are available for £1.00 from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA..... Another edition of **Short Wave Newsletter**, Issue 14, also arrived, once again with lots of legal and free radio news, on, as the title implies, the short wave bands. 60p will guarantee you a sample copy of this 6 page, A4 newsletter, from SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex, RM3 0HH..... Due to the good SW conditions, issue 97 of **Radiotelex** is a bumper 8 page editions of free radio SW logs and information from the past two weeks. For 40p we can supply a sample copy of the magazine, but subscriptions must be taken out direct with Radiotelex, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D-4100 Duisberg 12, West Germany..... **FRS Goes DX** issue 58 has 16 x A4 pages of mainly

shortwave and offshore free radio news and information. Annual subscriptions are £5.00 from F.R.S. Holland, P.O. Box 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands..... and finally this week, **PLAY - DX No. 459**, consists of 6 x A4 pages of unusual logs and other information compiled by good friend Dario Monferini. This now has an International News section in English to compliment the listings of rare catches heard the previous week. For more information on how to obtain PLAY-DX, write to Dario Monferini, v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.

**TAPE OFFER.** Leeds is the destination first off this week, with Tape 47 featuring a stereo FM recording of the regular Sunday station, **Radio Radar**. These particular shows were from 26th April. Tape 48 features a station often received on this side of the water, and one that still plays music on AM.... **WHN - AM**. This is the only country music station in New York, on AM or FM. The recording dates from 11th January and features a Sunday afternoon show. The price, as always, £2.00 per tape. All 48 tapes are available now and will continue to be so. A list of such is available on application.

**SERVICES AVAILABLE.** **Radio Structures Ltd.**, specialists in telecommunications, are manufacturers, suppliers and erectors of masts, towers and antenna systems, and have been supplying customers in Southern Ireland, who are involved in the radio industry. They now wish to widen their customer base in respect of any additional contacts and can be found at Unit 5, Rothersthorpe Avenue Trading Estate, Northampton NN4 9JH. Tel: (0604) 69215. (Please mention A - UK).

**CONTACTS GALORE.** Bob in Scotland would like to contact an Anorak in the Crawley/Reigate area. Bob can be found after 18:00 daily, or at weekends, on (041) 812 7570.

**RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.** There seems to be a station birthday every week at the moment. This week, it was the turn of **Energy 103**, who celebrated its first birthday on 28th April. The station first put out 'real' programming,



after a series of continuous music tests, during the afternoon of 28th April 1986. The first full day of programmes was the following day 29th April 1986 and featured initially, Richard Jackson, followed by Tony McKenzie, Gary Hammill, Mike Duggan, John O'Hara and Dave Johnson. The station has still not given away its big prize, which, by Friday 1st May had reached £9,500. The phrase to answer your telephone with, in order to win the money, is "I Love Energy 103". Look out for changes in the line - up on the station in the coming weeks. Tony Allen is due to begin presenting the breakfast show starting Monday 4th May, as Colm Hayes is understood to have left after obtaining a post at the state radio station RTE, although, having said that, Colm was heard hosting the 'European Top Forty' today. He will follow Dave Johnson, who went some time ago and can now be heard reading the news and voicing adverts, under the name of Andrew O'Hanlon. Talking about RTE, has Gareth O'Callaghan left the station too (he has not been heard for some weeks), in order to be in line for a job on the National Network? Gareth's Breakfast Show on Energy was the talk of Dublin and his fictitious characters, "Adrian, the window dresser", "Des Fahy, political correspondent", "Gloria Fenshaw, gossip columnist" and "Max, the taxi driver" will be sadly missed, as they brightened up many people's mornings. Finally, two more presenters to go missing, Derek Jones, he has re-joined Q 102 and has been heard on 'Solid Gold Saturday' and Derek Flood, he has been noted hosting programmes on Radio West. Whilst at the latter station, congratulations go out to station owner, Sean Coyne and his wife who celebrate the birth of their first baby.

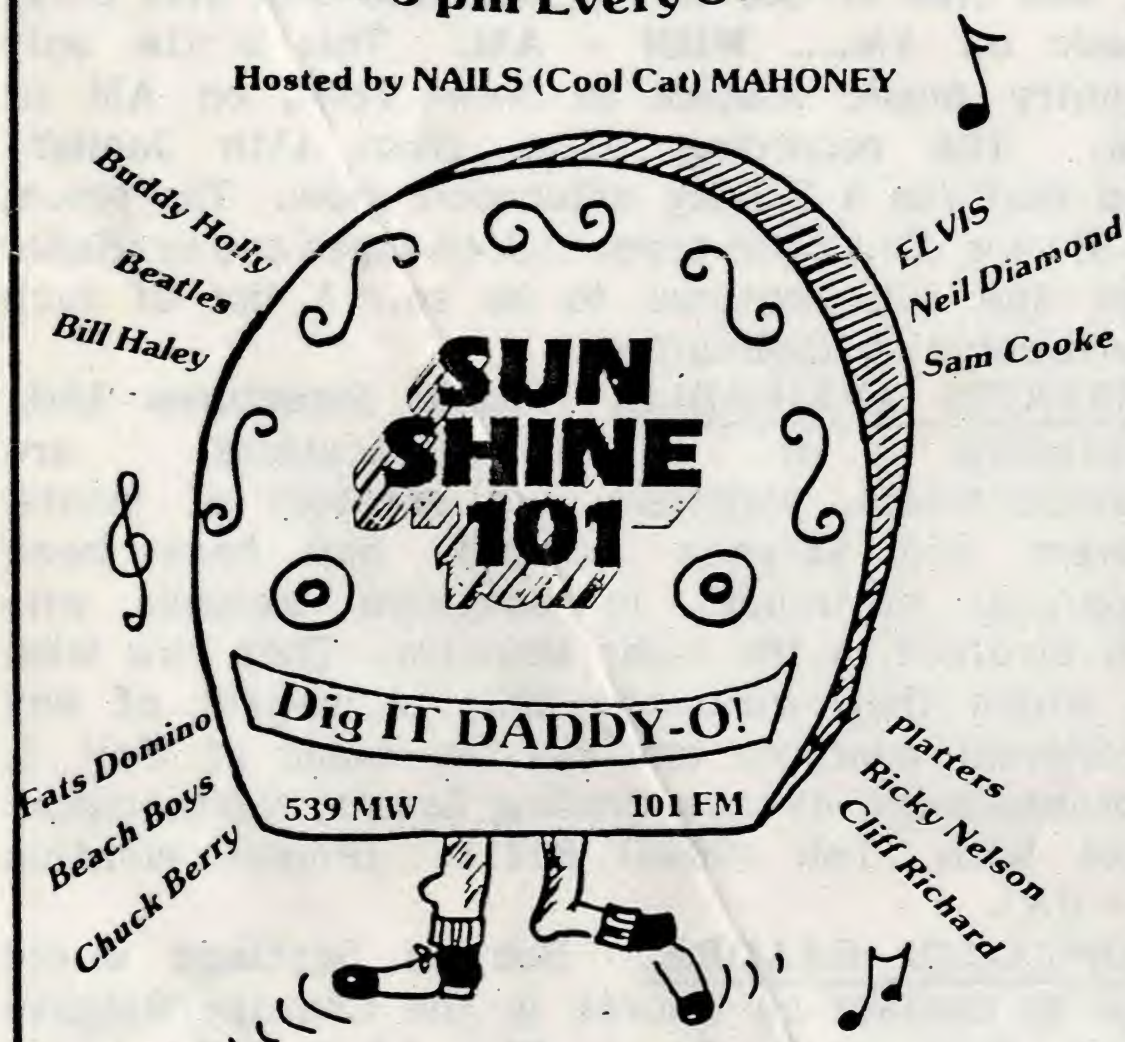
Q 102 sounded much louder than usual on its medium wave outlet of 819kHz, on Wednesday, although a few short breaks in transmission were noted during the afternoon. The 'Eye in the Sky', was grounded during the early part of the week, presumably due to foggy conditions over the city. The service resumed mid-week, although 'Micky Joe' was cut off in his prime at about 08:30 on Friday morning when the AM transmitter went off the air for about 10 minutes.

Over at Sunshine 101 things are building up to the 'Big Cahoona', with the latest promotions mentioning that 'we will have to re-name the Big Name'. Perhaps they are wanting a new name for the station? Mark Byrne has stood in for the holidaying 'Nails' Mahoney on the daily Breakfast Show, despite rumours of 'Big Guy' doing these shows, and again, presenting the 'Extravision Be Bop Gold', today, Sunday.

## "Bee Bop Gold"

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**SPECIAL EDITION THIS SUNDAY  
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A new outlet from Treble T R Radio was logged here from Wednesday onwards. This new frequency was 891kHz, and was transmitting in parallel with the normal

945kHz outlet. Signal strength was better than 945kHz, although on this side of the Irish Sea, 891kHz is sandwiched between two powerful BBC stations, Radio Wales, and Radio 2, both of which are causing terrible splatter at this location.

**Co. LOUTH.** **Boyneside Radio** now appear to be operating as normal from Donaghy's Mill in Drogheda, following the raids or recently. Heady Eddie was missing from his normal afternoon show in the week, due to a family bereavement. On the day of the funeral, one minute's silence was noted, in respect the death. We feel that this is possibly the reason for this weekend's non-appearance of Radio Rainbow.

Following the recent breaks in transmission on the 1125kHz. outlet of **Radio Carousel**, all transmissions now seem to be back to normal and have been noted continuously, during the past week.

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**The South West Region.** A report from this area, tells us that **Horizon Radio** is broadcasting 24 hours per day, on 98MHz. (studio link) and 104MHz., FM stereo. Presenters include former Big 'L', Limerick, owner, Mike Richardson, Philip Irwin, P.J. O'Neil, Frankie Phoenix and Francis Jones. The station, recently listed as coming from Killorglin, Co. Kerry, has, according to a report on the Radio West Anorak Show, moved studios to somewhere, nearer Tralee, the exact location of which we are not certain. The station has recently been relayed on short wave via the transmitter of Radio 101, on 7361kHz. **W.C.R. (West Country Radio)** broadcast on 96MHz. (studio link) and 102MHz.FM, from studios in Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick. The station is on air for thirteen hours per day, from noon until 01:00 and can be heard well in Limerick City. Also now heard well in this area, is **WBEN** from Cork city, on 98MHz. Apparently, they can be heard with a strong signal throughout Munster.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Another letter from Tel Aviv, this time, from Mike Davis, currently enjoying the sun (and girls!) on his week off the ship. He tells us that the station shut down on Wednesday 22nd April at 11:50 local time, for an oil change on the generator. A few minor repairs were carried out on the FM transmitter at this time and the station returned to the air at 16:00. It is widely thought that the new AM transmitter is now in Israel, following it's journey



from Canada, via New York. The station could be in port, and off the air for about a week, in order to have this installed.

**CAROLINE 558** Before we go into this week's details, a couple of listeners mentioned hearing a Coca Cola advert during Easter week. Don't get excited though, thinking that the station has finally got itself on the books of multi national firms, as apparently, this is not a new commercial, but simply part of an L.P., which happens to features adverts prior to the song which is being selected. More changes in staff were being made at the time we went to print last Sunday / Monday. This time we welcomed the return of John Tyler on the programming side, and Steve Conway, who only left his post as resident newsreader a couple of weeks ago. Peter Philips has now gone on shore leave. As of Monday, the new line - up became... 05:00 Kevin Turner... 09:00 Tony Peters... 13:00 Mick Williams... 17:00 Dave James... 21:00 John Tyler... 01:00 David Foster. 24 hour operation continued throughout the week. There is not really a lot to report this week, except to say that during the latter part of the week, a lot of Christmas cards were being read out, which had apparently just arrived on board. So, if any requests are wanted for a specific date, it seems as though posting the letter even 5 months in advance, you are not certain of getting the letter out to the ship. In most cases however, getting the mail through has not taken this long. John Tyler mentioned on his show on Friday, that it was coming from the old Overdrive studio, at the rear of the ship. He then began reminiscing about his old seven hour shows on that service. We have no details as to when or if, Overdrive will ever return, but it now seems to have been off so long, it is doubtful whether we will ever hear it again.

**LASER HOT HITS 576.** Not a lot happening here at the moment. A letter in during the week, told us what was said by D.L. Bogart, the last time the station signed off on Easter Monday at 20:00. He apparently mentioned that they would like to continue, but could not do, without any more diesel. Apparently the operation is very short of money for fuel and wages, but the situation is not as bad as some of the press reports are making out. We understand that the ship has been tendered but that due to this lack of resources, there is no intention of improving the aerial system with a heightened front mast at this present moment in time. Several correspondents tell us that they took a trip out to visit our friends, during last week's calm conditions. Morale on the Laser ship was quite high, despite not being on the air, and the three presenters seemed quite happy to remain out there, until things improved and normal service resumed, once again. Having said that, with this weekend's rough weather, they may well have changed their minds!

**LAND - BASED STATIONS MERSEYSIDE.** **Radio Merseywaves**, without question, the No.1 MW free radio station in the U.K., continue, non stop. Station owner, Burt Williams, in his, at present, weekly address to the nation, stated last Sunday, that, in view of their forthcoming station 'Night Out', on Monday, 4th May, at Snobs Take Two in Liverpool City centre, the station would remain on the air, seven days per week, until the event. All being well, this will mean that the station has broadcast non - stop, apart from the odd brief break, for almost three weeks. The signal, once again, has been very good at this location, although, on Monday, it was obvious that some technical adjustments/modifications were being/had been, made. The station left the air during Tuesday due to problems with the feed to the transmitter, and also due to a problem on the modulation section of their large medium wave transmitter. With engineer Burt Williams, not being present, the faults were not repaired immediately. On tuning in later in the evening of the same day, however, they were once again back on the air. As was expected, heavy promotion was given to this 'Night - Out' and tickets for the buses to the city centre, and return, were advertised as being available from various shops and cafes in the locality. From latest reports, we understand that the night is destined to be a sell - out. The majority of the popular RMW deejays plan to be there, and the night's line up has been read out on numerous occasions. Needless to say, the station will close early on Monday evening in view of this. A number of good programmes have been heard this week, with various specialist music shows, oldies, disco, charts. In addition, some phone ins have taken place, live ones, at times. National Radio 1, currently doing a live road show in the city, came in for a bit of leg - pulling by the station, although in fairness,

Steve Wright, in his show mentioned that he had been listening to a 'pirate' (without question, Merseywaves) and although he was unable to name the station on the air, thought their programmes were 'a lot of fun'.

No other stations were noted from this area, at the beginning of the week, although as the weekend approached things started to build up, beginning with **Central Radio International** making a re - appearance on the airwaves on Friday afternoon, 1st May. The frequency was the same as they used previously, 1404kHz. Signal strength here in Blackpool was fair, but due to a low microphone level, the speech was sometimes difficult to hear. Later on during Friday night, we logged **Radio Julie** on 104.85MHz, with an even better signal than we received them last weekend, despite the fact that station operators had recently appeared before the courts (see cuttings). Their signal always seems stronger at night, than during the day, but whether this is due to atmospheric conditions, we are not sure. Radio Julie were heard through the night into Saturday and again on Sunday, and announced that were going 24 hours per day over the May Day weekend, including Monday. The two 'Sunday only' medium wave stations were duly heard here, as normal again. **Radio Merseyland**, on 1422kHz. and **Liverpool Pirate Radio (LPR)**, on 1404kHz. The former featured a telephone number for requests and those who rang in, would have their names entered into a draw and the chance to win £5.00. On LPR, Phil Davies announced that this may be their final broadcast, due to lack of support. To keep them on the air, they would like to receive some feed back at their address of 30 Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD. This station features a lot of golden oldies. Finally heard here, today, was **Slag - Off International** on 105.3MHz. They commenced transmissions during the late afternoon.

According to Tim Jackson, in his report for last weekend, **Concept Radio** have resumed transmissions on 104.3MHz., following being blocked out by a transmitter on the same channel, relaying Radio Merseywaves. Tim also reports that **Slag - Off International** have been noted from time to time, on 105.2MHz.

**YORKSHIRE.** Reports from Leeds tell us that last Sunday evening, **Radio Veronica** from Bradford were noted, on 105.5MHz., also, **Ocean Sound** from Rotherham on 106.3MHz. Back in Leeds, Music City Radio have not been heard by our reporters there, for about two weeks, so it looks as though even this successful community station has felt the wrath of the DTI. A surprise re appearance of **ABC FM** was reported last night, on 94.6MHz. This is the first time the station has been heard since the early part of the year, although, unfortunately, the audio was particularly distorted and a few spurious emissions were noted along the band. **WLNG** have been heard on both Tuesday and Thursday, on 104.9MHz. However on both broadcasts, after about 30minutes, the audio gradually reduced until it was inaudible, even though the carrier was still present.

**THE MIDLANDS.** **PCRL** have once again been logged all week, on 103.8MHz. **Second City Radio** have been on again, for the weekend, commencing 19:00 Friday, until the early hours of Monday, on 93.05Mhz. The signal was very strong and of very good quality.

**BELFAST.** The only station to be heard in this area during the week, was **B - 96** who were logged on Tuesday night on their usual frequency of 95.95MHz.

**GLASGOW.** **Neon Radio** were heard on a couple of nights this past week, on either 99.0 or 97.9MHz. The station are still operating on low power, but a bigger transmitter will shortly be introduced. A late report told us that they were heard last night on yet another frequency of 98.4MHz. **Radio Mercury** were back on the air last Sunday, on a new frequency of 96.1MHz. However, after only forty minutes problems with the power supply meant that they were only broadcasting to a few cows and sheep! They hope to be on the air again, this afternoon, on full power, and indeed, have been reported as such, with transmissions beginning at 14:15, on 96.1MHz. The regular 'Anorak' feature was heard being broadcast around 14:30BST.

**BRISTOL.** "**103.5FM**" were reported as being on air on Good Friday morning and Easter Sunday evening, in this area.

**READING.** After a long spell of nothing, a pirate has surfaced once again, here. **Radio RS** has been heard locally, several times, on 104.2MHz. (announcing 103.9MHz.), playing disco music and relaying people who call in on the CB, Channel 2. No mailing address has been heard and the station is thought to be a one man operation.

**LONDON.** Additions to last weekend's log.... 88.4,



UNID.(Greek).... 89.6, Network 21..... 89.8, Quest FM.... 89.9, RJR..... 90.2, RFM.... 91.7, Sky FM.... 103.3, Elite FM.... 104.3, South West Sound..... 105.8, Southside Radio.

Sid, in his report on last weekend's action tells us.... "Twenty four logs, twenty of which, were confirmed.... Stereo is making a come - back, with nine stations now regularly, or occasionally, in stereo. LWR, after an over long period of five months, rejoined the ranks of stations transmitting music for people with two ears, on Saturday 18th April. This was preceded by Network 21, the previous night, and RFM a week or two before. Network 21 and RFM have not previously been noted in stereo and are presumed to be newcomers. CDR returned this week, in stereo, for the first time since early March. The black community stations, RJR, JBC and Time FM, continue in stereo, as do the weekend dnace stations, Solar 93 and Kiss FM.

TKO (last heard in stereo for just a week in mid March), seem to have turned up the bass cotrol knob, this last week or two. This gives them a very meaty sound, especially on the reggae shows.

Always worth a listen is Night - Hawk, the overnight man (01:00 until 05:00, Tuesday to Saturday), on CDR. He seems to enjoy his work so much, that he never seems to believe his show is about to end. This Saturday, he even appropriated another two hours, to finish at 07:00. Whether this was due to his replacement not turning up, is not clear.

The no - showing up of deejays seems to be an increasing phenomena. The number of appeals over the air, especially early in the morning, for the following deejay to make an appearance, seems to be occurring with much greater frequency.

The sexiest voice on radio, definitely belongs to LWR's Camilla (Saturday 19:00 until 21:00), who's Liverpool tones and natural coquetishness combine with a talent for picking the right black music. If she can stop preceeding every sentence with the word 'right', she should go far.

Studio I this week, seem to be going through an identity crisis. During the evening, the sound quality deteriorated to sound like an AM station, and then, in the early hours, they were relaying LBC.

A week or two ago, it was reported in "WR" that Studio I had been transmitting on 93MHz. This was unlikely, as Solar 93 were already broadcasting there and Studio I were on their normal 92.7MHz. It is likely that the deejay mentioned that a track he had played had come from 'Studio I', which is a long standing reggae production house/label.

Studio I, however, did appear on 93MHz. for one night only, on Friday 13th March, when Confidence International Radio (as they called themselves that night), appropriated 92.7 before Studio I had a chance to appear. In their turn, Studio I moved up the band and pinched 93MHz. from Solar 93, for the evening. When Studio I finished transmittinmg for the evening, Solar 93 promptly switched on their own transmitter and held it with a stereo carrier wave, until programmes began the next morning. By Sunday, Solar had their frequency back and Studio I and Radio Confidence were battling it out for 92.7.

RFM were back this Sunday, but lost out to Rock to Rock's much stronger signal on the same frequency, which blocked out RFM from South London and much of the West End.

High pressure on Friday and Saturday brought good FM conditions, along with the difficulty of resolving some stations at a distance. However, with a paper and pencil, and a UK frequency guide, I managed to pinpoint 22 BBC Radios 2/3/4 transmitters from the Isle of Wight to Birmingham, 24 BBC/ILR local stations, from Brighton to Luton/Northampton, plus 8 French or Belgian and 20 odd private stations. That comes to an incredible 74 contacts. It is a pity that so many of them carried similar types of programming".

Reported heard this weekend..... 88.6, CDR.... 89.9, RJR..... 90.2, Rock to Rock..... 90.4, TKO..... 92.8, Studio I..... 93.0, Solar 93..... 94.0, Kiss FM..... 97.8, Traffic Radio..... 103.7, Time FM..... 104.7, JBC..... 105.0, LGR.

Also heard were a couple of unidentified Greek stations on 88.6 and 105.4MHz., and a reggae station on 91.8MHz., possibly Sky FM. Conspicuous by their absence were LWR who were no doubt on the end of more DTI activity. RFM are reported to have now changed their frequency to 89.6MHz, due to being squeezed out by all the other stations operating around 90.2MHz.

ESSEX. Radio Hot Wire were on the air once again on 105.8MHz in this area, and tell us that they recovered the

aerial but not the car battery, which were stolen a couple of weeks ago. Other operators in the are advised to watch out for a red Austin Maestro, sporting three aerials, as this is the 'home' of your local raiding party. Canvey Radio were heard operating from 10:30 this morning on 93.0MHz, and hope to continue programming until 21:00.

#### SHORTWAVE STATIONS...Today's Log.

6206kHz...POGO 104, at 09:21gmt.

6206kHz...RADIO SCORPIO, at 10:51gmt.

6217kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 10:44gmt.

6225kHz...UNID., at 10:55gmt.

6230kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 10:15gmt.

6233kHz...UNID., at 09:40gmt.

6235kHz...UNID.(Sud West Radio?), at 11:30gmt.

6260kHz...UNID., at 09:54gmt.

6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:25gmt.

6274kHz...W.L.R., at 09:14gmt.

6274kHz...RADIO STELLA, at 12:05gmt.

6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO, at 10:40gmt.

6285kHz...RADIO APOLLO INT., at 08:45gmt.

6295kHz...RADIO NOVA BELGIUM, at 09:22gmt.

6312kHz...N.D.C.R., at 08:50gmt.

6330kHz...EUROPA INTERNATIONAL, at 09:55gmt.

6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 08:45gmt.

7361kHz...RADIO 101, at 08:46gmt.

The list of unidentified stations summed up this morning's conditions on the shortwave band, very poor. The band was extremely noisy at our location. although we did think it was going to be good early on, but this failed to last. Logs in **BOLD** are ours, others were kindly rung in by loggers in Scotland, Yorkshire, the Midlands, Devon and Oxford, on (0253) 882017. The best time to ring in the logs is from 13:30 until 14:30, the latter being about the deadline for the week's report.

The unidentified on 6225kHz. was a Dutch station with a very strong signal, giving out an address of P.O. Box 24, 7260 Ruurlo, The Netherlands. No station name was noted whilst listening.

The two loggings on 6233 and 6235kHz. are believed to both have been the same station, Sud West Radio. 6233 was heard signing on with the start of Johnny and The Hurricane's "Reveille Rock".

North Dublin Community Radio (NDCR), is believed to be being relayed by the former operator of Radio Ireland. Energy 103 were also heard being relayed later in the morning, around 6312kHz.

A very strong carrier was noted on 7361kHz. at around 09:35gmt., blocking out reception of Radio 101. As the carrier faded, the other station came up, although we, ourselves did not manage to identify same.

Amendments to last weeks log (26th April) come from both Podney in Cornwall, and Chris in Leicester....6206kHz., Right Wing Radio, at 11:45gmt... 6220kHz., Radio Ridiculous at 08:41gmt... 6224kHz., Radio Pamela Int., at 11:37gmt... 6224kHz., Radio Unicorn, at 09:27gmt... 6260kHz., Radio Duck Int., at 10:36gmt... 6260kHz., Delta Radio (?) (QSO), at 11:53gmt... 6270kHz., Radio Discoline at 08:55gmt... 6280kHz., 4FWS, via Westside Radio, at 10:34gmt... The Unid. on 6306kHz., was Maple Leaf Radio, via Riverside Radio, at 11:15gmt... Finally Chris heard KBC on around 7361kHz., at 09:50gmt.

#### LOG for Saturday 2nd May 1987.

6206kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 09:52gmt.

6290kHz...RADIO ORION, ta 09:50gmt.

6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 13:30gmt.

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Hopefully, everyone should receive this report on the day they normally receive it. We were astonished to learn how late in the week, many received last week's, despite them all being posted on Sunday afternoon. It was a Bank Holiday weekend, though, so at least they (the Post Office) had an excuse. News this week..... The DTI clear out Merseyside..... The continuing absence from the airwaves of Laser Hot Hits 576..... The Dublin Super - Pirate, for sale..... Superb FM. AM and SW conditions, lots of logs, plus a maximum number of reports of land - based pirates, on air. For the full details, read on...

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Once again, we are experiencing delays with the delivery of videos from EAP. This is beyond our control and if any of the people who have ordered a video, wish to use this money to purchase other items in the meantime, or even have a refund, then please drop us a line and let us know. We will advise you once the videos are back in stock..... Following hot on the heels of Set 1 of 7" x 5" black and white photographs (Laser '84), last week, this week, we offer Set 2..... **6 Excellent Black and White, 7" x 5" Photographs of Radio Caroline**, taken around Autumn 1983 and showing... 1. Dixie Peach and Robin Ross, 2. The back deck and 'L.A. 319', 3. Robin Ross in original studio, 4. Close - up of Robin Ross in studio, 5. The ship at a distance, 6. Small generator room. The price is £2.50 for this set, or 50p per photograph. The reason we are selling this set individually, is the fact that some subscribers may well have previously purchased certain ones in it.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Now Radio Issue 26 arrived mid week, despite the slow mail and the issue was found to contain 24 pages (we counted them!). Plenty of news, both legal and pirate, along with the usual features. A sample copy for £1, along with subscription details, is available from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 ONW..... **Apollo Radio, Information Sheet II**, two x A4 sheets of facts, history of, presenter profiles and equipment details, arrived, along with our QSL card and presumably with everyone's QSL cards. Alternatively, to receive a copy, an SAE to the station address, will suffice.... **Apollo**, P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk, PE36 5AU..... **C.L.C.G. Magazine**, Issue 4/87. Many A4 sheets of news, cuttings, stickers and lots of short wave logs. Mostly in German, however. Details from CLCG, Postfach 540101, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany.

**TAPE OFFER.** This week, we find ourselves on home ground, so to speak, when we feature as Tape 49, **Radio Julie** on 104.85MHz., from Merseyside. The recording is a Sunday morning programme (today) and was recorded in the area, off FM in mono. Tape 50 features a one-off Bank Holiday broadcast from "Not Alices Restaurant" This recording was made in London, on 4th May and is also FM mono. Music on this station was mainly rock orientated. Both tapes last 90 minutes and cost £2.00 each.

**WANTED.** Recordings of Crispian St. John off any of the free radio stations he has worked for. Please contact Mr A. Dale, Flat 4, 27 Alfred Road, Cromer, Norfolk NR27 9AN.

**FOR SALE.** Phoenix FM Stereo Transmitter, new and un - used, top quality, £150 (cost £250), good reason for sale. Also, 40 watt AM Transmitter, with on - board ATU. Again, new and un - used. Excellent crystal locked, 807 design. Complete with all accessories. £75 (cost £150). For both items, contact Neil, between 17:30 and 18:30 any evening, on (0626) 63554. (It must be pointed out that it is illegal to operate a transmitter in the U.K., without a Wireless Telegraphy Licence).

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#### **RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.**

Due to an ESB (Electricity Supply Board) strike which started on Tuesday morning, 5th May, many stations in the Irish Republic were off the air on occasions during the middle of the week. Those missing for several hours, during the first day of the strike were BLB on 657kHz, Energy 103 on 738kHz, Big M Community Radio on both 954 and 1413kHz and all FM frequencies, LLCR on 1035kHz, Radio Carousel on 1125kHz, KLB Community Radio on 1224kHz, Boyneside Radio 244 on 1233kHz, Community Radio Fingal on 1575kHz, WLCB on 1602kHz, and ZEE 103 on 103.25MHz. The stations were expected to be only off the air on occasions, as a rota system for power cuts, was in force. Some of the bigger stations were fortunate in having the facility of a generator, which meant that the power cuts only lasted minutes, until the motor could be switched in. Problems occurred here, though, as some stations have numerous sites (studio/AM/various FM's), meaning that several generators would be needed to ensure a full service. Expensive items like these are unlikely to be 'in stock' in any quantity, in even the biggest station. The absence of stations on some frequencies, gave us the rare chance of tuning in to another station sharing that frequency, from a different area. A typical example occurred on 1233kHz., where Boyneside 244 was missing, and **Mid-West Radio** from Co. Mayo, was clearly audible. Ironically, in this particular case, Mid West also went off shortly afterwards! By Friday, this strike had been settled and no further power cuts were noted. All stations seemed to return to normal operation.

During the early part of the week, an anti - cyclone stationed itself over the South West approaches of the British Isles, giving high barometric pressure over the country, hence good FM conditions. All the usual Irish stations were heard, here in Blackpool, many in stereo. In addition, noted were **Treble T R Radio** on the new frequency of 99.1MHz. Heard was Bob Gallico's syndicated show "The Time of My Life", at around 18:30. Later the same evening however, this signal seemed to disappear and an equally strong one appeared on 99.5MHz., their original frequency. **Radio Diamond** (not Diamond Radio, we are told!) were noted on 106.1MHz., **Phoenix Radio** on 107.0MHz., **Capitol/Nitesky** on 95.8MHz., **Pulsar 98** on 98.75MHz., **Boyneside Radio** on 98.2MHz., **Radio West** on 99.2MHz. and **Big M Community Radio** on 105.0MHz.

**Co. DUBLIN.** The most interesting news item this week, was about **Energy 103**, and was first heard via the 'Media Network' programme on Radio Nederland. During this show, Jonathan Marks told about an advert in the American trade magazine 'Radio and Records', in which this station was advertised as being up for sale for a price approaching \$600,000(U.S.). He continued by saying that also in the advert, potential buyers are told that this contemporary hit radio station has no debts, a good cash flow, and a telephone number in England was given. Jonathan then rang this number for more information, and a familiar voice answered 'hello'. Nothing more is known about this proposed sale, although



having said that, any businessman will sell out if the 'price is right'.

The expected arrival of Tony Allan on the breakfast show this week, did not materialise, and Pat Courtney was standing in on the programmes instead. Tony did however host the afternoon show, all week, in his inimitable style. A new presenter was noted after midnight, and his name was Liam Coburn. We understand he is ex **Radio ERI** and also went under the name of Paul David on the late **Radio Annabel**. Tony McKenzie has not been heard this week, at all. A new newsreader called Lisa was heard, and on Tuesday, a girl presented 'Power Hour' between 11:00 and 12:00 when Alan Burns took over once more. All in all, the station has taken some close listening to, this week, with all these changes etc. We have hardly had time to listen to the others, but, maybe that is the idea! The station left the air on MW, between 13:00 and 16:10, and again at 18:05 that day, due to a power cut, although the FM stayed on the air on 103.0MHz. Power cuts also disrupted listening on MW on Wednesday and Thursday, but the station seemed to have a generator at the studio complex, for when power was cut there on Thursday morning at 07:00, they returned several minutes later, and continued with the news at 07:08. It is not known if the power cuts were to blame, but early in the week, some news bulletins were missing, despite the news jingle being fired, and programming sounded unusually odd. Having said this, things returned to normal eventually. A new slogan, 'Energy Power 103' has been gradually introduced, and all the presenters, were heard repeating it regularly. The month of May has been designated 'Birthday Month', and every Thursday until it's end, plenty of prizes are being given away. The cash prize for answering the telephone with 'Hello, I love Energy 103', had reached £10,700 by Friday afternoon.

**Q102** and **Sunshine Radio** were the only two stations to lose very little programming on either band during the strike. Both stations were back on the air within a minute or so of a power cut hitting the studio or transmitters.

## Ray eyes a chopper

THE Minister for Communications, Ray Burke, says he'll banish the pirates from the airwaves by the Autumn.

A brave man indeed, depriving the Taoiseach's son of work. Ciaran Haughey's own company owns the helicopter that's the "eye in the sky" for traffic news on pirate station, **Q102**.

**Radio Dublin** now seem to have two transmitters very close to each other, on the FM band, on 104.95MHz and 105.2MHz.(both audible here during the aforementioned periods of good FM reception). The 105.2MHz transmitter is the stronger of the two, and is reported to be reaching into the Midlands of Ireland. This latter transmitter sounded very 'tinny' here, earlier in the week, but by Friday it was sounding fine, and had moved to 105.45MHz. Several reporters from Ireland said a loud 'hum' accompanied programmes on it, but we were not able to notice that, here. Unusually good conditions, last Monday, brought in this station on all three wavebands, the two FM frequencies stated, 1188kHz. medium wave and 6910kHz. short wave.

At one stage during the week, due to the good FM conditions, it was impossible to receive BBC Radio Merseyside on 95.8MHz., here, instead, Capitol/Nitesky put in an excellent signal. Likewise, a colleague rang and said he was unable to hear Piccadilly on 103.0MHz. (he works on the station), instead, only Energy 103 was audible.

**Co. KILKENNY.** **Kilkenny Community Radio** were noted on the new frequency of 1395kHz, from Tuesday. The signal is now audible most of the daylight hours on the West coast of the U.K., although due to Kilkenny being a long way inland, it is not too strong by the time it reaches us here. On listening around the lunchtime period, a colossal number of commercials were aired, so this long established station must be doing very well for itself. The reason for the move from 1386kHz., is possibly due to the large number of other stations which have begun to use this channel since KCR first commenced transmissions on it several years ago.

**Co. LOUTH.** **Zee 103** from Omeath, Co. Louth, now have a slightly revised daily line - up..... 07:00 Graham Marks.....

10:00 Owen Barry..... 13:00 Kenny Tosh..... 16:00 Andrew Gold. . A new U.K. chart show is being broadcast on Sunday afternoons, sponsored by Golden Discs of Belfast. News can be heard during the day, on the hour, read by Georgina Clinton. Owen Barry has now left **Big 'M'** to work full time on this station. Several new Bill Mitchell voice - overs have been noted.

Things at **Boyneside Radio** in Drogheda, now seem to be almost back to normal following the raid of 15th April. In an interview on the 'Kieran Murray Free Radio Show' on **Radio Rainbow** this morning, 10th May, Heady Eddie said the station now has new equipment at the main studio in Donaghy's Mill, and the stereo separation is reported to be better than on the previous link transmitter which was confiscated. At present, only one FM transmitter is in use from Drogheda, on 98.2MHz. This was for security reasons, in case another raid took place. The other two transmitters on 99.1MHz and 100.1MHz are hoped to be back in service in the next week or so. The Dublin relay on 105.5MHz should also be back on in two weeks. This has been off the air in order to move transmission sites, and not because of the raid in April. Apparently some interference to a local video recorder is the reason for having to move the site to somewhere more remote. Questions about the legality of the seizure of film from a journalist at the scene of the Boyneside Radio raid, are to be asked in the Dail by a Labour T.D. for Drogheda. The outcome is awaited with interest.

An unidentified transmission, relaying Boyneside Radio, was logged here, in the week, on 1152kHz. The second harmonic of this has been reported previously, by others, but this is the first time, we have actually heard the fundamental. It is believed to originate from the transmitters of Glenside Radio, from County Wicklow.

**Co. WESTMEATH.** With much perseverance and more than a basic receiver and aerial, we were able to null out our local ILR station (situated 'down the road') and receive the transmissions of **Radio Midway** on 999kHz. It was not an easy task, and the results were only fair, but we were able to identify same and confirm the same station address, Midway Radio, Lynn Road, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. The station was formerly on 1494kHz. and this was easily audible here, however the management must think that 999 is better in the Mullingar area, and in fairness, a number of reports have indeed been received saying just this.

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**Radio West** have stated that their Dublin FM relay is now once again to be heard, this time, on 97.3MHz.

**Co. GALWAY.** Again, due to good FM conditions (and power cuts), Brian in Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, reports that he was able to receive **County Radio** from Tuam, Co. Galway, on Thursday, on 98.55MHz. Normally, Brian would get **KLAS 98** from Dublin on 98.5MHz. They were without power at the time. A caller on the **Radio West** Anorak Show, ringing from Galway, mentioned that County Radio were doing quite well. It was also mentioned on the show, that **WLS Music Radio** had moved their FM transmitter, on 103.0MHz., first to 96.6MHz., then, at the request of RTE, to 97.2MHz., where they hope to remain. The only other station in Galway, is **KFM**, and they operate on 99.0MHz.FM, although a second channel was mentioned, again on the show,.

**Co. TIPPERARY.** Another caller on the Radio West show said he had been working in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary and reported the existence of an excellent new station in that town, called "**Blast Off 101**". We await more details on this one.

**Co. KERRY.** One of our colleagues, and good friend, Ian, tells us that he received a nice reply from **South West Radio** in Killarney, who say that they are covering the South West of Ireland on 105.0MHz.FM in stereo. They have operated from The Castle Heights Hotel for six months and according to station manager, Dermot Moriarty, are doing very well, with a very big listening audience. A welcome is extended



to anyone who is visiting Killarney, to call in at the station.  
Still in the same area, does anyone know the new address of Horizon Radio, formerly of Killorglin, now located in an hotel near Tralee?

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**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports this week, but we can tell everyone that former presenter (VOP and Caroline), Tim Shepherd, has returned for a further stint, and tells us that he hopes to be able to lend a hand with the installation of the new 10 kw medium wave transmitter, which is understood to be now ready to be taken on board. The station will go into port for about a week for this purpose.

**CAROLINE 558.** Rough seas over the May Day holiday weekend, took their toll on the unsuspecting newcomers to the Ross Revenge. Although we didn't actually hear it ourselves, Mick Williams apparently had to finish his breakfast show early at 08:15gmt, rather rapidly after becoming ill. Kevin Turner took over the show, and continued through the morning, commenting that the ship was playing at submarines, and complaining about having to hang on to the console to stop himself falling about in the studio. At one point he mentioned that there was a sweet smell drifting into the studio, and thought that someone might be taking a shower. He said that it was a brave man who would shower in those rough conditions, and continued by mentioning that he had often fallen on his back-side whilst attempting to wash one foot, whilst standing only on the other. Mick Williams was heard in his usual slot the following afternoon, at 13:00, complete with all his required medicaments, of 'sea-legs', and a brown paper bag!

Current line - up reads..... 05:00 Kevin Turner..... 09:00 Tony Peters..... 13:00 Mick Williams..... 17:00 Dave James..... 21:00 John Tyler..... 01:00 David Foster.

A new promotion for a Greenpeace Concert has been aired this week. The concert is to take place at Surrey University, in Guildford. For more details, including ticket availability telephone Guildford 579437.

Following a telephone call on Thursday night, we quickly tuned to 963kHz, to find that continuous soft rock music was being played. We heard no announcements whilst we listened, and when tuning in a bit later, the signal had disappeared. Perhaps one of the D.J.'s was getting bored, or the engineer was doing some tests on the transmitter? It is looking increasingly doubtful as to whether Overdrive will ever return, as it has been off the air so long now. From conversations with some of the jocks on land, as well as the 'Overdrive' service 'not paying for itself', it looks as though the saving of both fuel and generator time, is the reason for not even relaying the 558 service when no staff are available for 'Overdrive'. Another report tells us that Tom Anderson took some records off the ship on his recent visit, in order that during the Summer months, some taped programmes could be sent out for the Overdrive service.

Finally, changes in the Sunday line - up on the station, suggested a change of staff, although, as yet, we have heard no new voices.

**LASER HOT HITS** Absolutely no concrete news about the operation this week. However, the extremely rough weather cannot have helped any chance there was of getting the station back on the air with a better signal. It goes without saying that, the longer the station remains silent, the more difficult it will be when, and if, they return, to establish some sort of reasonable audience. Despite what 'usually well informed sources' say, the future does look grim, to say the least. We sincerely hope everything turns out well and that we hear them again, in the not too distant future.

**LAND - BASED STATIONS.** This section seems to get

bigger and bigger, which is not surprising really, as more and more stations appear on the air. According to Media Monitor (see cuttings), the authorities are 'losing the fight', with well in excess of 20 stations being logged over the Easter weekend, and indeed, most weekends, in the London area. On Merseyside, as many as ten stations have been noted recently, in Birmingham, three or four and in Yorkshire/Derbyshire/Humberside, well, there seems to be a 'station explosion' at this time. Glasgow, Essex, Sussex and other areas are also well covered by pirate stations. Having said this, the authorities do have purges and one of these occurred last Sunday in the London area, where many of the stations received losses. Usually, following a London raid, a Liverpool raid occurs, suggesting a crack team of DTI trackers, travelling around the country.

**MERSEYSIDE.** Bank Holiday Monday, brought the stations we normally hear every Sunday. On medium wave, in addition to **Radio Merseywaves**, on 1242kHz, we also heard **Liverpool Pirate Radio**, on 1404kHz, and **Radio Merseyland** on 1422kHz. Over on the FM band, **Radio Julie** continued with their promised extended weekend broadcast, and were also heard on Monday, on their usual frequency of 104.85MHz., with an excellent signal here in Blackpool (using, quite good antenna equipment, we must hasten to add). **Radio Merseywaves** closed down at 21:00 on Monday, due to all the deejays appearing at the 'Night Out' in Liverpool City centre. This was the station's first break for almost three weeks. They had planned to continue but some technical problems occurred and along with the after effects of Monday night, nothing more was heard on 1242kHz. until Friday morning. After the extensive plugging on air, the night out was, according to reports, a complete sell out and the place, despite it's size, was packed. Not only were buses provided to and from the venue, but in conjunction with a local taxi firm, further transport was laid on for the benefit of the young people who had to travel even further from where the buses dropped them off. We trust that sufficient money was raised from the function to pay forthcoming fines for illegal broadcasting, expected. The station is completely funded out of the deejay's pockets, as no advertising is taken, although, having said that, certain favoured organisations do get mentioned, along with charity events and deejay's gigs, free of charge.

On Friday, **Radio Merseywaves** returned at an early hour, and when we tuned in at breakfast time, Dave Collins was already well into his show. He, in turn, was followed by relative newcomer, T.P. Toppick, at 10:00 and so the station continued for another weekend.

An unusual station to be heard on a Friday, was **Liverpool Pirate Radio**, who were noted with programming until 14:15, when Phil Davis closed the station down. Phil announced the station as broadcasting on Friday and Sundays. The frequency, as usual, was 1404kHz. The station was noted on Sunday as promised, but Phil Davis said they were operating from a different location just for this week. A new address was given although we could not make out the name of the street, which was in Liverpool 14. **Radio Julie** were also heard here again starting on Friday, with a strong signal on 104.85MHz. and as well as it being received in Blackpool, it was also heard on the Saddleworth side of Manchester, which gives it a very large coverage area for an FM station. They were in stereo as usual, although at our distance there was too much hiss for pleasant listening, so we had to switch to mono. At the time of printing, on Sunday afternoon, the station was still on the air with a good signal. **Radio Merseyland** began their normal Sunday transmissions at around 10:00 today, with Mark Evans. The station has now moved back to its previous frequency of 1395kHz, although this is now not as clear a channel as several weeks ago, due to the appearance of **Kilkenny Community Radio** on it, last week. A hum was noted on the signal here in Blackpool, but nearer Liverpool the signal seemed fine. Mark was having a bit of trouble early in the broadcast with some youths trying to pull down his aerial. They didn't succeed, as **Radio Merseyland** was still being heard during the afternoon. An unusual catch up here was **CDFM**, who were noted on 105.2MHz this afternoon (Sunday). The station signed off about 16:10 quite suddenly, saying it was only a test transmission, testing the aerial with 3½ watts (!).

On listening mid - afternoon, we noticed that **Radio Merseyland** and **Liverpool Pirate Radio** had disappeared despite having read out schedules for the full day's broadcasting. Both these station operate from the Liverpool side of the River Mersey and it began to look as if the DTI had switched their attention from London, to this area. We quickly tuned



to the two remaining stations, Julie and Merseywaves, who both seemed to be aware of the DTI activity in the area. In fact, they had already crossed the river and had raided a telephone box, which was being used by Radio Merseywaves for a phone - in. At about 16:45, the music stopped on Merseywaves and a few seconds later, a voice was heard to say, 'we are going off the air now', whereupon, the transmitter cut off almost before he had got his words out. Julie continued until 16:51, when their audio cut off and the transmitter went off seconds later. At this moment in time, no pirate stations are audible from Merseyside. However, further reports from 'the battlefield' tell us that the DTI have been successfully repelled and transmissions are set to resume at 19:00 on Merseywaves, in fact, as we go to print, a carrier has just appeared on 1242kHz.(19:30). The only loss was a microphone, when the telephone box was raided, although a number of people around the box were taken to the Police station and had their names and addresses taken.

**YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE.** First off, Phil has shed a bit more light on the mess on the FM band in Leeds, which we mentioned last week. On Saturday 2nd May, at around lunchtime, a station was found playing 'black' music on 105.8MHz, although announcing 103.7MHz. The station closed down before it could be identified. Later that same day at 17:30 an extremely distorted signal was noted on 106MHz., and this was due to a very distorted main signal by ABC FM on 94.6MHz. By 19:00 ABC had turned down the audio, giving a more readable signal, although spurious signals were still being emitted. Yet another station was logged later, on 106.75MHz, which in audio and signal level, sounded like the earlier unidentified station on 105.8MHz. So whilst we now know what went on, we still have not managed to identify the mystery signals. In South Yorkshire, a new station was heard last Sunday 3rd May, calling itself Z - FM, and broadcasting on 105.45MHz, although announcing 105.3MHz., and 'broadcasting to Sheffield and surrounding districts'. Nothing more is known about the station at present. **Radio Nemesis** were also on the air on the same day, on 106MHz, and were noted during the afternoon. **Radio Radar**, who seem to be the only station in West Yorkshire to have a regular schedule, appeared as normal last Sunday between 10:00 and 17:00, on 104.7MHz, in stereo, and are now carrying quite a few commercials for local shops and businesses. They were a presenter short last week, and are currently on the look out for any budding D.J.'s. The station plays mainly mainstream pop, with an apparent bias towards disco music. In Bradford, **Radio Veronica** also made their usual Sunday night broadcast on 3rd May, on 105.6MHz in stereo, announcing 150 watts, although a couple of breaks in transmission were noted. We were able to monitor the station here in Blackpool, and a tape of the Rotherham station, Ocean Sound was played. Further reports tell us that they also appeared on Wednesday evening, although we failed to spot them. Apparently, they suddenly cut off, on this occasion. On Monday 4th May (May Day Bank Holiday), **Music Weekend Radio** on 104.9MHz, and **Ocean Sound** on 106.3MHz, were both on the air in the South Yorkshire area, and were heard after 20:00 in the evening. The latter could well do with moving down the band somewhat, as they are perilously close to mobile operators in the area. Ocean were noted locally, again, last night with their own Top Forty Show, from 17:00 until 19:00. **WLNG** transmitted their usual Tuesday night programmes on 5th May, and this time were reported as to having cured the audio problems which had plagued their past few broadcasts.

**DERBYSHIRE.** **Radio Freedom** were back on the air on the Sunday and Monday of the May Day weekend. Both AM, 1242kHz, and FM 105MHz were being used, on the 08:00 - 24:00 broadcasting hours. The AM power was reported to be 3kW and reports of its reception came in from a very wide area, but only low power was used on FM. This station went off the air several weeks ago, due to IBA complaints, and hence more DTI activity, at the time of the launch of the Radio Trent relay in Derby.

**THE MIDLANDS.** **Radio PCRL** have been noted all week, as usual, on 103.8MHz. A number of reports said that the format seemed slightly different, and was more universally aimed, rather than completely specialist. It is not known why this is, but it could have something to do with the arrival of the weekend station, **Second City Radio**, on 93.1MHz., who have duly been noted this weekend with a very good music format. **UK Radio**, no doubt due on air tonight, were heard last Monday, on 105.0MHz.

**GLASGOW.** **Neon Radio** have been heard each evening of late, on about 98.0MHz., from 18:00 until mid - night, and from mid - day until mid night, on Saturdays. No mailing address has been noted, and we understand that the P.O. Box 11 has been dropped completely. Live requests have been

**Log for Sunday 10th May 1987.**

6206kHz....**RADIO DELMARE**, at 09:13gmt.

6206kHz....**RADIO MARABU**, at 09:59gmt.

6206kHz....**RADIO LIMIT**, at 11:28gmt.

6224kHz....**RADIO PAMELA**, at 08:29gmt.

6230kHz....**SATELLITE B/CASTING Co.**, at 08:32.

6230kHz....**UNID.** (same as above?), at 10:56.

6240kHz....**RTE RADIO 2**(via Rainbow), at 09:49.

6240kHz....**RADIO HEXAGON INT.**( " ) at 10:27.

6240kHz....**RADIO RAINBOW**, at 11:23gmt.

6240kHz....**GOOD NEWS RADIO**, at 14:00gmt.

6260kHz....**RADIO DUCK**, at 09:52gmt.

6268kHz....**RADIO ORION**, at 08:18gmt.

6280kHz....**WESTSIDE RADIO**, at 09:44gmt.

6285kHz....**UNID.**, at 08:23gmt.

6287kHz....**RADIO APOLLO**, at 10:49gmt.

6294kHz....**P.F.B.S.**, at 10:27gmt.

6298kHz....**SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM.**, 09:25gmt.

6312kHz....**NORTH DUBLIN C.R.**, at 08:33gmt.

6312kHz....**RADIO WEST** (via Ireland?), at 10:26.

6850kHz....**UNID.** (non stop music), at 08:18gmt.

6850kHz....**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 08:40gmt.

6850kHz....**FALCON RADIO**, at 08:40gmt.

6850kHz....**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 10:48gmt.

6910kHz....**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 09:23gmt.

7361kHz....**RADIO 101**, at 07:57gmt. (sign on).

Shortwave conditions today were very good, once again, and a glance at the log will confirm this, with very few 'UNID's' and plenty in **BOLD**, indicating that they were heard here in Blackpool. Other loggers who kindly rang in on (0253) 882017, came from the Midlands, Yorkshire and Devon.

**Radio Delmare** were heard with their own programmes today, at one stage. Missing from the airwaves today was **WFRL**, who had planned a broadcast. When the operator arrived at the site, this morning, he found that the complete aerial system had vanished. This had been set up in readiness the previous day. As a result, they were unable to proceed with the aforementioned broadcast, but hope to be on the air next week.

Amendments to last week's log, courtesy of the three loggers mentioned after the Monday log.... 6206kHz., **Radio Delmare**, at 08:34 and 15:00gmt.... 6206kHz., **FRS Holland**, at 14:00gmt.... 6217kHz., **Maple Leaf Radio**, via Riverside, at 08:45gmt.... 6850kHz., **Radio Skywave Int.**, at 10:57 and 09:12gmt.... 7361kHz., **Radio Aquarius Int.**, at 08:55gmt.... 7383kHz., **Dutch Relay Service**, Postbus 81, 3450AB Vleuten, Holland, at 09:54gmt.

The 'UNID.' on Easter Sunday, on 6312kHz., was apparently, **Radio Galactica** and **Radio Enterprise**, both via **Radio Apollo**. Talking about **Apollo**, they have a forthcoming "History Tape", available on a C.90 and costing £2.50. More details will be available, no doubt, on their next scheduled broadcast on 31st May.

**STOP PRESS.** At the time of printing (20:00 Sunday), **Radio Merseywaves** returned at 19:50, with normal programmes and apologising for the break. 'For technical reasons'. The 1521kHz. transmitter of **Radio Rainbow**, was still active into the early evening with continuous music at times. **Radio Radar** from Leeds, have been reported as being on the air today.

Our thanks as always this week, for the masses of info, cuttings, photos, tapes and telephoned reports, we have received over the week. Keep them coming, we need your help in this way.

taken, over CB. An increase in power is still on the cards, we are told.

**LONDON.** Whilst we were compiling last week's report, it appeared that the DTI were out in force attempting to silence all the stations on the air. A report from Sid sums up the happenings over the Bank Holiday, as well as the week leading up to it. He starts by telling us that he received 24 stations during the weekend, with four of them being new stations to him.... "The 'Night of the Long Knives' had nothing on this week, as the 'Week of the Cruel Crusade of the Long Cable Cutters' proceeded cutting an un - holy swathe through the ranks of upright antennas and transmitters. Never in the field of human conflict, have so many owed so much.... Anyway, after a period when at least 18 separate busts took place, with some stations going down at least twice, the early hours of Bank Holiday Monday morning found the FM band the quietest in months, if not years. Only **Time - FM**, and **JBC** remained along with a low powered Indian station, and they must have been wondering how much longer they would last.

It was a somewhat eerie feeling, somehow akin to August 15th 1967, tuning across the band and finding silence where once music and friendly voices had been.

This series of busts seems to have begun on Tuesday. By lunchtime, the three Greek community stations, and **LWR** had disappeared. The Greeks had returned by Friday, but **LWR** was still missing on Bank Holiday Monday night, tending to suggest that they had lost more than an aerial. Probably the remote links and possibly even a studio.

Busts and Bank Holidays, always seem to bring up new senders, and this weekend saw no difference. Of the six new contacts this week, two unidentified stations, and the confusingly named **C - FM** (Capital's alternative weekend FM service uses the same call sign), were black music based. The 'C' of **C - FM** stands for Calibre.

**Not Alice's Restaurant** came on the air at mid-day on Bank Holiday Monday, but had disappeared by 21:00 Busted??? They came up on what is due to be **R - FM**'s new frequency, and may in fact be our old friends with a tribute to the now defunct **Alice's** outfit, with a wide range of album rock.

The remaining two are of uncertain identity, but (possibly) **London Rock** on 92.2MHz came up with a harder eighties style new wave rock format on Bank Holiday Monday evening. Not exactly polished in presentation, but the use of two presenters is unusual for a pirate station.

(Possibly) **Radio Badger** came up on 92.1MHz on Sunday night, and possibly even Monday night, but were blotted out by (possibly) **London Rock**. They had a Top Forty format.

**Studio 1** continued their identity confusion campaign this week. Last week they masqueraded as **LBC** overnight. This week they relayed **BBC Radio 2** in the early hours of Sunday morning. This didn't seem to deter the DTI when they came along later on Sunday, and took their transmitter away for the second time in a week.

Missing this week, were **Network 21**, **R-FM** (but could have appeared as **Not Alices Restaurant**), **Elite-FM**, and **Radio Gemini**. **Radio Vicky** has not been of for some weeks now, either".

Many thanks to Sid for the above look at the rapidly changing London scene over the past two weeks. In addition to the stations mentioned in last week's report, as being on air the previous weekend, were.... 89.8MHz., **Quest FM**.... 90.2MHz., **RTR**.... 90.9MHz., **UNID.** (Asian).... 91.8MHz., **SKY - FM**.... 92.1MHz., **UNID.** (Badger?).... 92.2MHz., **London Rock**.... 94.3MHz., "Not Alice's Restaurant".... 94.3MHz., **C - FM**.... 94.4MHz., **UNID.** (Horizon?).... 103.3MHz., **UNID**.... 104.2MHz., **S.W. Sound**.... 105.4MHz., **G.C.R**.... 105.9MHz., **Southside**. Additionally, heard intermittently last Monday afternoon, on 1179kHz., **Radio Atlantis**. No other details noted.

Heard at some stage of this weekend, by our loggers in the area.... 88.6MHz., **CDR**.... 89.9MHz., **RJR**.... 90.2MHz., **RTR**.... 90.5MHz., **TKO**.... 92.0MHz., **LWR**.... 93.0MHz., **Solar**.... 93.9MHz., **Kiss FM**.... 97.8MHz., **Traffic Radio**.... 103.7MHz., **Time FM**.... 104.6MHz., **JBC**.... 105.0MHz., **LGR**.

**SHORTWAVE STATIONS Log for Monday 4th May 1987.**

6206kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:01gmt.(Not Apollo).

6206kHz...**RADIO APOLLO**, at 09:40gmt.

6220kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:50gmt.

6238kHz...**Y - 95** (U.S. Tape), at 10:37gmt.

6290kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:40gmt.

6300kHz...**SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM.**, at 09:20gmt.

6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 10:42gmt.

Loggers, ourselves (**BOLD**), one in Blackpool, one in Leeds, also **SSM** in Surrey, **Podney** in Cornwall and **Stuart** in Stafford.



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# **The WEEKLY**

# **REPORT**

# **ANORAKS**

## **The First with the News in Print**

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We start off the report this week, with the news that once again, the Government has given the applicants for Community Radio licenses, yet another kick in the teeth. According to a small piece in 'Broadcast' (see cuttings), the Home Office are not to offer compensation to any of those who put money into funding an application. One wonders whether both the cancelling of licenses and compensation by the Government, was premeditated. Could they be taken to court and sued for wasting not only applicants money, but also taxpayers money, by bringing the bill into the House, knowing full well that they were going to cancel everything they had promised?

Apologies for the smallness of some of the type in last week's report. News kept coming and coming, we thought it would never stop. As it was, some minor items were omitted. We think this week could be 'normal', but in this business, who knows?

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The Data Protection Act of 1984 makes it compulsory for us to inform you that your names and addresses are stored on a computer, in order to ease the work load each week, when addressing envelopes. You have the right to ask to have them removed, and we are obliged to do this. However, we feel we must point out that persons whose names are not stored in this way, must not expect the rapid 'return of post' service that we normally offer.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Well, at last, we can offer you an exclusive 'new' item of merchandise produced by Anoraks U.K. We are proud to present the **Caroline 558 Wall Poster**. This full colour poster, printed on high quality paper, measures 23 x 16 inches, and features a superb aerial shot of the m.v. Ross Revenge, as taken by FotoFlite, of Ashford, Kent. This must be the best and clearest shot ever offered. Price is £3.99, but for regular subscribers to 'Weekly Report', this week, we are enclosing a voucher worth £1.00 off this regular price. The voucher is valid until 30th June 1987, and entitles you to one poster at the special offer price of £2.99.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Several new magazines arrived on our desk this week. We start off with a new A5 occasional magazine, compiled by good friend, Bernt Erfjord in Norway. Entitled **RADIO IN IRELAND & U.K.**, it will be of interest to DX-ers in the main, as it covers all the legal BBC and ILR stations in the U.K., including frequency listings, powers, QSL policy, and even the programme schedule of each station. There is also a listing of both RTE and private stations in the Irish Republic, although not with the same detail. For your copy send 3 IRC's, or 15 Norwegian Crowns to : Hellemysrtoppen 56, N-4628 Kristiansand, NORWAY..... The second new item this week has a rather controversial title, **Radio Is My Bomb <<A DIY Manual For Pirates>>**. This is a well put together 72 page magazine in A4 format. The contents tend to lean towards political 'free radio stations' in both the U.K. and elsewhere, and some of the text may be offensive to some readers. However,

for those wishing to start their own station, almost half the magazine contains aerial & transmitter information, (including well detailed, but simple drawings on how to build them), and also legal information about your rights under the various Wireless Telegraphy Acts. Copies can be obtained for £2.40 from Hooligan Press, c/o BM Hurricane, London WC1N 3XX.... **Radiotelex** Issue 98, is back to 4 pages this week. Contained within these, is a complete listing of the shortwave 'free radio' stations heard during the past two weeks. There is also news about these shortwave stations. A sample copy costs 40p from A-UK, but subscriptions are available from R.T., c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D 4100 Duisberg 12, West Germany..... **PLAY - DX** No.'s 460 and 461 both arrived together this week. Logs, schedules and information are included from those hard to hear stations. Text is half English and half Italian. For a sample copy write to Dario Monferini, v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, ITALY..... Latest to arrive is **Short Wave Newsletter** Issue 15 which has 6 x A4 pages, and covers news and logs from all types of SW radio. Radio Japan also has a feature in this issue. New readers can avail themselves of a free copy from SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH.

**TAPE OFFER.** We travel across the water to Ireland, this week, and Tape 51 features the station in Dublin which recently came up for sale, **Energy 103**. This FM recording is an afternoon show which Tony Allan presented last week but one. Tony of course, was on many of the offshore stations during both the 60's and 70's. Tape 52 also comes from Dublin and goes back in time with



a 'Solid Gold Saturday' show from Q 102, again, off FM, in stereo and with a lot of good quality music. As always, the tapes cost £2.00 each.

**GENERAL.** C.M. THANET are holding a 'Bar - B - Q and Video' evening on 11th July, in Margate. The cost will be £1.50 which also includes entry into a free raffle. The prize will be a copy of a 35 minute video, shot by Ad Roberts on the Ross Revenge, last December. For more information about the function, call Jenny or John at (0843) 821112.

The Theme Tunes: No, of course we haven't abandoned the list! We do, however, have so much material at hand, it is going to take a little while to sort out and re - print. Please bear with us, it will appear!

CM's Convention: We have not heard anything further as yet, and presumably, neither has anyone else. We understand things are progressing though, and we will report within these pages, once information is at hand.

Paul Rusling's new book: Despite a publication date sometime in April, it appears that it could be a little while before we see copies of same, due to legal reasons. The book will be printed and anyone wishing to have a refund in the meantime can do so by contacting Pirate Publications at P.O. Box 19, etc.

#### **RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. DUBLIN.**

The birthday/anniversary season continues and this week falls on Monday (tomorrow), when it is four years since the great Irish radio station raids of 1983. Briefly, the raids started at about 10:00 on this day, when the authorities arrived at the studios of Radio Nova at 19 Herbert Street, Dublin. Eventually, the station was silenced, but not before breakfast show deejay, Declan Meehan had presented a noteworthy 45 minute 'pre - raid show'. The station lost all equipment, but still managed to return the following day, to report on the subsequent raid on Sunshine Radio. The station then closed down in a massive blaze of glory, the day after this, only to return a further time, the following day, this time for good, at least until the station closed down last year. A documentary cassette of all these exciting happenings is still available from us, narrated by John Lewis, priced at £5.00 and entitled 'The Great Irish Radio Experiment - The End?'

Radio Carousel also celebrate at this time, today in actual fact, when they celebrate nine years on the air. Our best wishes to them, of course.

Back to reality now, though, and on with the report. The news we printed last week about **Energy 103** being up for sale, was confirmed as correct during the week by a member of the station. The cutting of the original advert from a U.S. magazine is reprinted below.

## **STATIONS FOR SALE**

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Apparently several offers have been made to purchase the station, and these are currently being perused over by the management, who will obviously accept the best.

The current line - up on 'Energy Power 103 FM' seems to have settled to the following..... 06:00 Pat Courteney, 09:30 Alan Burns, 12:00 Tony McKenzie, 15:00 Tony Allan, 19:00 John O'Hara, 24:00 Liam Coburn. The news service has been restructured and bulletins are now only heard at breakfast time and tea time, on the hour with headlines on the half hour. News readers heard this week have been... 'Lisa', George Long and Tina Gates. More emphasis is being put on the music content of the programmes, we are told. A new name, John Power, was noted last Sunday evening. John used to work for Q 102. The jackpot for the big telephone competition has now reached £11,200. The phrase 'I Love Energy 103' must be repeated.

Whilst **Sunshine 101** and **Energy 103** are busy plugging their giveaways, rival **Q 102** goes and does it again! During the Greg Gaughran show on Wednesday last, the three records were played in a certain order and the tenth caller, Geraldine Tyrell from Kilcock in neighbouring County Kildare, won £4,000. It was only a few weeks since the station gave away £6,200 in the same competition. According to Radio West, the station plans to change around and add to it's FM outlets. Off will go 102.1MHz., the original channel, instead 101.9 and 102.4MHz. will appear, along with the one on 103.5MHz.

**Radio Sandymount** began its annual broadcast on Thursday, 14th May. This station is on the air during the Sandymount and Merrion Festival, and as well as music, features interviews and competitions, and requests for the residents in those areas. The frequencies are 1530kHz. medium wave, and 104.5MHz FM. The 1530kHz. transmitter, is not as clear in this area as it used to be, due to an increase in the number of IBA stations using it.

**BLB Community Radio** has been received here in Blackpool, with one of it's best signals ever, of late. This is possibly due to a combination of good medium wave conditions and an improved signal from BLB.

## **BLB COMMUNITY RADIO**

**657 a.m. 97.8 f.m. stereo**

B.L.B. is a Community-run local Radio Station, serving south-east Dublin and North Wicklow for 8 years now, on 657 MW and 97.8 FM Stereo. In addition to our programme timetable, here is information about some of our services:

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CONTACT: B.L.B., 9 Prince of Wales Tce., Quinsboro Rd. Bray, Co. Wicklow. Phone: Studio 829359; Office/Advertising: 861219.

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We understand that **Treble T.R. Radio** have plans to increase their listening area by introducing further transmitters further afield. At present, they operate two medium waves, 945 and 891kHz., at least two FM's.

Weekly Report correspondent in Dublin, Vincent Kennedy, is concerned about interference caused to BBC and RTE transmissions in the band 88.0 to 94.7MHz. He suggests that in order to minimise harrassment and raids, due to alleged interference to legal broadcasters, the independent stations should stay well clear of this sub band. Another area to avoid is around 96 - 97MHz., which RTE often use for their outside broadcast unit links. The avoidance of these frequencies, especially when a lot of power is being used, is essential in order for the independent stations to keep a low profile in this time of proposed legislation. We apologise to Vincent for being unable to re print his letter in full, due to lack of space, but feel we have expressed his comments and advice in brief, adequately. We should like to thank him for this correspondence and would welcome any further comments and advice.

**Co. LOUTH.** We were delighted, but not too surprised, to hear test transmissions this morning, for the forthcoming 'Solid Gold Radio Sovereign'. The transmissions commenced around 09:00, on 1521kHz., with an excellent signal here



in Blackpool. Short wave (Europe - wide) and FM (locally) were mentioned in the tests, which consisted of occasional records (oldies, of course), the excellent Sovereign jingles and regular announcements. A mailing address for reception reports was read out, it was..... Radio Sovereign, c/o Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 ONW. The station plans to broadcast on all the above frequencies, from 06:00 until 18:00, daily. Radio Rainbow took over the frequency for their regular Sunday morning free radio show, with Kieran Murray.

Reports from further North still, in Omeath, tell us that **Zee 103**, on 103.25MHz.FM, stereo, 24 hours daily, have a new Summer schedule which commenced on 4th May..... It reads.....

**Weekdays.....** 07:00 Graham Marks, 10:00 Owen Barry, 13:00 Kenny Tosh, 16:00 Andrew Gold, 19:00 (Mondays and Wednesdays) Roy McKee, (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays), Tom Griffin, 22:00 Noel McStay and Tommy Miller.

**Weekends.....** Listener's Top 40 Show with Andrew Gold on Saturdays from 14:00 till 17:00 (Sponsored by Golden Discs)..... Brian Johnston, Saturdays, 17:00 till 20:00 ..... Reggae Show with Terri Hooley, Saturdays, 20:00 till 22:00..... U.K. Top Forty Show, with Roy McKee, Sundays, 14:00 till 17:00 (Sponsored by Golden Discs)..... Country from 17:00 till 19:30..... Mike Miller from 19:30 till 01:00. Lots of new promotions and advertisers have been noted, and an impressive rate card is at hand. The signal continues to be excellent at this location. Apparently the station has plans for medium wave. The address is.... Zee 103, Ardagh House, Ardagh, Omeath, Co. Louth, Eire.



**Co. WESTMEATH.** Radio West were noted with an extremely good signal today, on 702kHz. According to station owner, Sean Coyne, the transmitter was running at 10 kw. Calls were received from some quite distant places. Currently, the weekday line - up reads.... 07:00 Don Allen, 10:00 Derek Flood, 14:00 Willie Hart. The evenings consist of various specialist shows.

**Co. DONEGAL.** Not a great deal to report from this quarter, although, today, colleague, Brian in Dungannon tells us that he has received **Westside Radio** on 1125kHz. He believes it to come from the Donegal direction, although a station called Melvyn Community Radio has occupied this channel, along with Radio Carousel, for some time. Whether the latter has gone off, or changed names, or what, we, at this stage, do not know. We await further information.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports from the Mediterranean this week.

**CAROLINE.** We left last week uncertain as to the changes in staff. We now find that several staff left the ship last weekend, but no one new was sent out. Those D.J.'s who left were Dave James and Mick Williams. The cook, along with transmitter engineer, Peter Chicago are also understood to now be enjoying shore leave. This has meant a doubling up of shows for two of the jocks, John Tyler and Tony Peters. Kevin Turner is also probably doubling up as the cook, and giving the rest on board a taste of his delicacies! The schedule currently reads 05:00 Kevin Turner...09:00 Tony Peters...13:00 John Tyler...17:00 Tony Peters...21:00 John Tyler...01:00 David Foster. News continues to be read by Steve Conway. The heating system on the ship broke down during the week, which was rather unfortunate as the weather was very cold at the time. Plenty of moans and groans from those left on board were heard. Mike the engineer managed to fix it, although Kevin Turner mentioned on Saturday morning that the weather was now warm, and they would probably have to switch it back off. Saturday, being 'Cup Day', was also 'Sports Afternoon' on the ship, and plenty of 'stick' was

being given to all sports. If you tuned in to forget about football, then you would have been a bit disappointed. The seagulls must have not liked all the mentions of sport either, as John Tyler mentioned that they were 'bombing' the ship all afternoon. David Foster made his first daytime appearance on Sunday morning between 09:00 and 13:00, in order to give the other jocks a bit of a rest.

Just one new advert has been noted, for the Brighton Record Fair, Brighton Centre, Kings Road, Brighton, on Sunday 24th May 1987, between 10:30 and 17:00.

**LASER 'HOT HITS'.** Not a lot to report here, like last week, except to mention that the vessel now has definitely got new backers and a new injection of money is hoped to put the station back on the air, although certainly not for at least 3 weeks. Apparently, the previous owners backed out owing a lot of money for fuel and provisions. Let us hope that the station will get back on the air before the Summer starts, as this is the time when weather conditions will permit a continuous signal to attract advertisers.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** The DTI activity in the area last Sunday appeared to only culminate in one station actually being raided, **Liverpool Pirate Radio**, during which the station is understood to have lost all its equipment. **Radio Merseyland** went off the air having heard about the LPR raid, and both **Merseywaves** and **Julie** went off later when the DTI appeared in their area. None of the letter three were raided and Merseywaves duly returned to the air shortly afterwards (see last week's report) and continued transmissions, un interrupted, until close - down at about 00:40 on Tuesday morning. The station was next noted making an early start to this weekend, during Thursday night/Friday morning. However, early on Friday morning, during the Dave Collins breakfast show, the DTI surprisingly turned up and raided the station at 08:11. The station obviously had little security at this time, probably thinking that no DTI man in his right mind would turn out before mid-morning. They did though, and in the process, two staff, including Dave were caught, and all the studio gear was taken. They apparently were leaving without the transmitter, when one of the officials dropped a pen on the settee. On reaching to get it, he noticed that the cushions were a bit hard, and found a false bottom in it, which when removed, revealed the transmitter. **Radio Merseywaves** apparently returned to the air later that evening, but were not heard here. Nothing was noted on Saturday, until in the evening, the station re - appeared once again, on 1242kHz., although a whistle on the signal (heterodyne) made listening at a distance, and at night a bit uncomfortable. No doubt Burt will have rectified the situation by next week however. The station is still on air at the time of writing, although Burt was not available to do his show this week again. **Radio Julie** also re - appeared at this time (Saturday night), their first appearance since vanishing on Sunday afternoon. They were of course, on their usual frequency of 104.85MHz. They were heard as late (or as early!) as 07:00 on Sunday morning, but vanished shortly after this and we haven't heard them since. We are not sure at this time what has happened to them. **Radio Merseyland** also duly appeared on Sunday morning, on 1395kHz., with just a fair signal.

A new station calling itself '**Radio 976**' was heard here from Saturday morning, 16th May, on 976kHz. (off channel). One of the presenters was from the old days of Radio Jackie North, Rick Dane. The other was announcing himself as Steven Bishop, and is presumably the one who use to run MFR in the area, several years ago. The signal level is fair here in Blackpool, but the audio level is a bit low, and muffled. All the same it is nice to see a new station on the air, and we wish them all the best.

Tim Jackson, in his report on Merseyside activity, mentions that last Sunday but one (3rd May), Widnes FM were raided and lost all their studio gear. Also, he was able to tell us the mailing address of Liverpool Pirate Radio, which we could not quite copy, last week, it was.... LPR, 9a Altfinch Close, Fincham, Liverpool L14 8YG. He also mentions **Slag - Off International**, on 105.2MHz. and **Concept Radio**, on 104.3MHz., as being heard by him last Sunday. Further reports of other low powered operations are mentioned too, but apart from one, Ross FM, no identifications were made or reported. In a 'phone - in' on Merseywaves last Sunday afternoon, just before the DTI appeared, a caller claimed he was the operator of Scott FM. This station has been mentioned before, although we have been unable to hear it, at this distance (50 miles).

All in all, a bad patch for our friends in the North West,



although, knowing them, they will soon get over it and things will return to normal. At this stage, we are not convinced all this DTI activity is all over, as, at the time of printing, both Merseyland and Radio 976 have both gone off. Whether they signed off normally, is not known at this stage.

**MANCHESTER.** Due to problems with getting a good signal out, on FM, **Sunshine Radio** made some test transmissions on 1332kHz medium wave during Saturday 16th May. Due to Boyneside Radio operating on the same channel, we were unable to hear these tests ourselves. **LC.R.** were on the air from the Mossdale area of the city on Saturday. They play black/reggae music on 103MHz., although the transmitter does tend to drift.

**YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE.** In Leeds, **Music City Radio** were reported to have returned to the air on Friday night, 15th May, following a break of several weeks. Programming was also heard beginning during Saturday afternoon. The signal was as good as previously on 90.3MHz, although stereo was not noted. **ABC - FM** were back on the air on Tuesday night, 12th May, on 94.6MHz. The problems with spurious signals which they had on their last broadcast have now been cleared up, and the transmitter is now 'clean'. **Radio Radar** were on the air in stereo, with their usual 10:00 - 17:00 broadcast last Sunday. Some 'Radio Radar' T-shirts are being printed for the station, and will be advertised over the air, when they are available. The station was received in Bradford in stereo and our reporter there tells us that he rather enjoyed the oldies programme they put out. The station have been reported as being on the air again today, since 10:00 this morning. Leaving Leeds, we go across to Bradford, where **Radio Veronica** have only been heard on the odd occasion (last Sunday, 20:15 until 01:30), due to work being carried out to make the transmitter more 'portable'. The power has now been reduced to around 90 watts, but a more efficient aerial means that the signal output should not be reduced by too much. The station operators Steve and Christine, have been complaining about 'D.F. Hunters', who look as though they are DTI officials, causing the station to have to switch off prematurely. Once again, **Radio Z - FM** were heard in the Sheffield area last Sunday evening, presumably on 105.45MHz., although no frequency was mentioned in the report at hand. Across in Scunthorpe, **WLNG** continue to broadcast on 104.9MHz, and were heard by our reporters on Tuesday evening. In South Yorkshire, **Ocean Sound** have been heard on various evenings in the week, and weekends, on 106.3MHz. Your host for all these shows is D.J. 'Robert'. A bit out of this area, in Derbyshire, **N FM** were on the air on Wednesday night. The frequency was 105.3MHz.

**GLASGOW.** **Neon Radio** made a two hour broadcast this afternoon, on 99.5MHz. They have also been on the air on various nights during the week. **Radio Mercury** were supposed to be on the air, today, on 96.1MHz., featuring some interviews from the Paisley Beer Festival. However, at the time of printing, no reports of this being so, are at hand.

**THE MIDLANDS.** Last Sunday, **U.K. Radio** were on the air in the evening, on 105.25MHz. "Continuous Music Radio" were also heard the same evening, on 94.25MHz. **Radio PCRL** have once again been on the air all week, on 103.8MHz. **Second City Radio**, who normally broadcast all weekend, were only noted today, on 93.0MHz.

**LONDON AREA.** Correspondent, Sid kindly sends us this report about last weekend's operations..... "A slightly quieter weekend with 18 contacts, 16 of which were confirmed and 8 in stereo.

Not heard or missing this week, Southside, South West Sound, Elite - FM, Radio Gemini, Greek Community Radio, unidentified Greek station (presumably busted again), and Studio 1, not yet returned from losing their previous transmitter.

For a change this week, there is news about rock stations, but corrections to last week's logs first. **Radio Badger** is now thought to be London Town. **London Rock** gave no call sign last week and were back again this week, again with no ID's. They had a mixture of Top Forty and New Wave Rock. The real **London Rock**, however, made a hesitant start on Saturday evening with what they claim to be, their first transmission. It sounded like it! they sounded inexperienced, with Ditty presentation and lots of dead air. Give time, this should improve, along with their signal (which was equally dreadful), to give us another rock station. They can be contacted through the R - FM mailing address. **R FM** returned after a week's break, on a new frequency of 94.3 MHz., with a very strong stereo signal. Presentation was as polished as ever. Programming is Sunday mid - day until Sunday mid - night. They did say that they had nothing to do with 'Not Alice's Restaurant', which came up on the same frequency (but in mono), the previous week. With three rock stations intermittantly on the air, rock music fans can look forward to a brighter listening future, especially when R - FM go to their long - awaited six days a week operation. **Network 21** returned this week with a strong stereo signal, to give their first full weekend schedule since they lost a transmitter in mid - March, although they have been on the air on odd days since. They are now publishing a **Network 21 Newsletter** and promise those who write into **Network 21**, 136 Regents Street, London W.1., a free record in return. Programming was, as usual, diverse and very listenable. **Quest - FM** seem to be having engineering problems. This weekend has seen their signal drifting up and down the FM band and the strength of their signal going from very strong and clean, to weak and distorted., This has meant at times, that both **RJR** and **RTR** have been blotted out in much of South London. Finally, it was learned, with some dismay, from the <TX> Info - Line (01 400 8282) that a presenter, DJ - C had recently been convicted. He was fined a massive £850 and remanded in custody, presumably for sentencing. It is true that we do not know the full circumstances behind the conviction, but it does seem incredible that in 1987, a man can go to jail for wanting to play records on the radio, to entertain people. It is a timely reminder that the cat and mouse game between the private stations and the DTI is deadly serious. With money only at stake for the station operators and personal liberty at stake for station presenters.

The need for caution in setting up studios to counter the activities of the KGB like DTI units has been doubly emphasised. It is a salutary thought to remember that the stakes for the presenters are now so high, that this is now, no longer a game to be played by the enthusiastic amateur, but has moved into the realms of the dedicated underground professional.

Our thanks, as always for that report. Sid goes on to list stations logged last week, not mentioned by our reporters at that time..... **CDR** on 89.6MHz., **Quest FM** on around 90MHz., **UNID. (Asian)**, on 90.95MHz., **SKY** on 91.7MHz., **London Rock** on 92.35MHz., **UNID.**, on 92.8MHz., **RFM** on 94.3MHz., **UNID.**, on 105.5MHz.

A little bit out of the area, but we will include it here, **Isis FM** were heard broadcasting around Oxford/Aylesbury, last Sunday night. The frequency was 105MHz., with a power of 25 watts. They hope to be on again later today, we understand.

Back to London again, and on Saturday and today, our loggers in the area report the following..... **CDR** on 88.6MHz., **RTR** on 90.2MHz., **TKO**(carrier only) on 90.5MHz., **Sky** on 91.8MHz., **LWR** on 92.1MHz., **Solar** on 93.0MHz., **KISS - FM** on 94.0MHz., **RFM** on 94.3MHz., **Traffic FM** on 97.8MHz., **Time FM** on 103.7MHz., **JBC** on 104.7MHz, **LGR** on 104.9MHz. Also heard during the week was **Studio One** on 92.8MHz. An unidentified station playing soul music was also logged on Saturday on 90.8MHz.

Terry in Middlesex reports that he has been listening to a **Radio Badger** on 91.9MHz., which he tells us he listens to most weekends, also a **Flashback Radio** with test transmissions, and featuring many Bill Mitchell voice overs. He gave us no frequency on the, latter, although we presume this to be the Bank Holiday station which usually broadcasts to West London on around 90.2MHz.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** **ABC Radio 97.8MHz.** The station has returned to the airwaves on Monday evenings, after a few weeks off the air for staff holidays. The new frequency gives a good signal into France, and already the station has introduced a continental flavour to their programmes. They have a new address.... **ABC, P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex.**

**Radio Atlantis 105.2MHz.** This station has returned to the air also, for regular Sunday evening broadcasts. The frequency is now reported to be 105.2MHz. and the address used is the P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton one.

**Radio Atlantis (Maidstone) 103.7MHz.** This station recently changed to Wednesday evenings operation, but lost all the equipment a couple of weeks ago in a mysterious type 'raid', when they found the co - ex cable cut, on returning to the site to investigate. No receipt was left, so it was assumed not to be a genuine DTI raid.

**SHORTWAVE STATIONS.....Log for Sunday 17th May 1987.**

6206kHz...F.R.S. Holland, at 09:45gmt.  
6218kHz...UNID., at 10:28gmt  
6240kHz...**RADIO SOVEREIGN**, at 09:28gmt.  
6240kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 11:20gmt.  
6267kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 09:18gmt.  
6270kHz...UNID., at 11:30gmt.  
6275kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 10:31gmt.  
6275kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW GERMANY**, at 12:00gmt.  
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 07:45gmt.  
6280kHz...4IFR (via Westside), at 10:29gmt.  
6290kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 11:57gmt.  
6295kHz...**RADIO NOVA (BELGIUM)**, at 09:14gmt.  
6300kHz...**W.F.R.L.**, at 11:25gmt.  
6310kHz...**N.D.C.R.**, at 08:10gmt.  
6315kHz...**SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM.**, at 11:37gmt.  
6332kHz...UNID., at 09:00gmt.  
6850kHz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 08:46gmt.  
6850kHz...**RADIO SOUNDS INT.**, at 11:01gmt.  
6850kHz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 11:15gmt.  
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 09:06gmt.  
7361kHz...**RADIO 101**, at 08:38gmt.

Conditions today seemed quite good. Lack of loggings at our location was due to a fault on our receiver, which was not rectified until later in the day.

The long awaited tests from **Radio Sovereign** appeared shortly after 09:00 this morning on 6240kHz., and 1521kHz. FM was also announced but could not be received here. The Kieren Murray Free Radio Show, was aired as normal between 11:00 and 12:00gmt, after which tests tapes were again played for Sovereign.

**Radio Duck** inform us that they now broadcast their golden oldies format every Sunday on 6270kHz. between 08:0011:00gmt. Presenters are 08:00 Tim Stewart...09:00 Stewart Price...10:00 Tim Allen. Their address is R.D.,c/o 83B Church Street, Stoke Newington, London N16.

**Log for Saturday 16th May 1987.**

6225kHz...S.B.C., at 08:52gmt.  
6225kHz...**RADIO UNICORN**, at 09:43gmt.  
6245kHz...UNID., at 10:00gmt.  
6270kHz...**RADIO DUCK**, at 10:45gmt.  
6290kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 09:40gmt.  
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, AT =)\*==GMT.

Amendments to last week's Sunday log, from Podney R. Sixe in Cornwall, Stuart in Staffs. and SSM in Surrey..... 6206kHz., Radio Privaat, at 13:05gmt..... 6230kHz., Maple Leaf Radio, at 08:34gmt..... 6230kHz., Riverside Radio, at 10:53gmt.

**STOP PRESS.**

It has just been brought to our attention, that, according to the press yesterday, the proposed Territorial Sea Act, currently hurtling through Parliament at an alarmingly rapid rate, was one of the final 42 Bills in this Parliament to receive the Royal Assent. Everyone thought that the recently announced General Election would put paid to it in this session, but apparently, authority thought otherwise. We can now only wait and see what effect this is going to have, and when.



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# **The WEEKLY**

# **REPORT**

# **ANORAKS**

## **The First with the News in Print**

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Things seem to be going authorities way at the moment, what with all the raids, court cases, and the passing of the Territorial Sea Bill. It now appears that the new limits will actually come into force in about two months time. The actual date depends on when all the 'technicalities' have been sorted out. However, the radioships will have to make sure they move well before that time, if they are to avoid any unfortunate visitors.

May seems to be a busy month for anniversaries, both Irish and Offshore. In Ireland it was three years ago, on May 23rd 1984, that Chris Cary began his new 50kW service called EXIDY, beamed towards the U.K. In fact, the transmissions on 738kHz. only lasted several hours, due to severe breakthrough onto the Radio Nova broadcasts. Tony Allan was the host on this short lived station. On the offshore front, it would have been the third birthday of Laser 558 today, 24th May, had the station still been on the air. One station which is still on the air, is the Voice of Peace, and is in fact 14 years old on 26th May. So congratulations to them, let us hope that they can celebrate it by getting their new 10 kW AM active for this date.

Finally, as we reach the end of a 'short season' of Bank Holidays, in the U.K., the report will arrive one day later than normal, yet again this week.

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Please feel free to make use of the '**Anoraks U.K. Info - Line**', on (0795) 510764. Regular news up dates, plus the facility of being able to leave any news you may have.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** **Wavelength No. 15** is now in stock at 75p, including postage and packing. This 16 page A5 magazine has news and views from the world of both offshore and land - based free radio, including a review of the recent Green Paper on Broadcasting..... For those who may have missed it last week, we now have a new full colour poster of the m.v. Ross Revenge. The photograph depicted is an outstanding aerial shot taken by FotoFlite of Kent. The cost of this 23" x 16" **Caroline 558 Poster** is £3.99. It is posted in a hard - walled tube for protection. Subscribers to "WR" have received an orange voucher which entitles them to a reduction of £1.00 on the above price. These vouchers are valid until the end of June. Anyone subscribing anew, or afresh, to "WR", in this period, will receive one of these vouchers.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **Now Radio** Issue 27 arrived early week and contains news and stories from the world of both IBA, BBC and free radio. For a sample copy of this A5 magazine, which is published every two weeks, send to Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, NN16 0NW..... **PLAY DX** is now up to Issue 462, and can be obtained from Dario Monferini, v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy. This weekly publication contains mainly logs and information, about times and frequencies of 'hard to hear' stations which are currently audible in this part of the world.

**TAPE OFFER.** This week we travel to London for Tape 53, which features a mono recording of **TKO** made on 21st May. The presenter is Tony Bevans, with a 'rapping' show. This one is not recommended for rock fans!! Rock fans

will however enjoy our next choice, Tape 54, which is a Scott Muni afternoon show on **WNEW - FM** in New York, from April 13th. This man, who has one of the most popular shows in the city, must have one of the deepest voices ever heard. This particular recording is in stereo. As always, the tapes last 90 minutes and cost £2.00 each.

**WANTED.** An FM recording of Al Dunne on Q 102 on New Years Day (00:00 to 06:00). Preferably first 90 minutes, but any other time period in the above programme will do. Contact Mr. Michael O'Donoghue, c/o Q102, 8 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2.

**WANTED.** "Wait for the Sun", by Bolland and Bolland, and any other material by this duo. Top prices paid. Write to Steven Scott, 4 Mansfield Close, Edmonton, London N9.

**WANTED.** Peter from Wolverhampton is interested in purchasing any good quality studio equipment such as decks, mixers, mikes, cassettes etc. He can be contacted on (0902) 771789.

**WANTED.** Small FM station requires presenters. Write to Mike, 45 Kestrel Lane, Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 4UE. Mike would also like to obtain a copy of a Rob Out Flashback Show on the offshore Radio Veronica. Please use the same address if you can supply a copy.

**WANTED.** Studio quality copies of the Radio Nova jingles (Dublin and Camporosso). Write to Andrew Yeates, 6 Settrington Road, London SW6 3BA.

**GENERAL.** World Music Radio are looking for stations who can relay their programming in France, Belgium, Spain, Germany and Portugal. If anyone can help, contact Podney c/o 3 Rosewarne Cottages, Rosewarne Downs, Nr. Cambourne. Cornwall



TR14 OBE..... 'WR' reader Melvyn, recently bought a second hand L.P. called "Radio London Top Ten". It was dated 1966, and on the Rainbow Records label. He would like to know if anyone knows any more details about this record, or of its value.

**CONTACTS.** David Baker, formerly of Heartbeat FM in Dublin, is now living in London, and would like to get in touch with anoraks in his area. . He can be contacted at 216 Mollison Way, Edgeware, Middlesex

**FOR SALE.** 26 second - hand NAB cartridges of various durations, 30 seconds to 8 minutes. The makes are Aristocart, Audiopak and Fidelicart. Only need bulk erasing, in order to be as good as new.... Price £35.00 for the lot...contact P.O. Box 539 etc.

**BOAT TRIPS.** We have details from a couple of operators at hand. Just let us know if you are interested and we can forward same. Just now may be the ideal time to take a trip, as much longer trips may soon be needed, at least for one of the operators (the other runs from France).

#### **RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.**

First off this week, we must give the proposed magazine from Radio West a mention. This magazine is to be published during the Summer months, and all articles to be included in it should reach Sean Coyne, at Radio West in the next 2 or 3 weeks. Sean is hoping that all Irish private stations will have a section each, so it should certainly be a thorough publication. Any other interesting articles about Irish radio will also be welcomed at Radio West, West House, Patrick Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, Eire. The station has introduced a relay for Galway, on 100.1MHz., although as yet, only a blank carrier has been noted.

**Co. DUBLIN.** Once again, the station in the news is **Energy 103**, where expansion seems to be the name of the game. The news service appears to be the first target, and bulletins on the hour (also on the half hour at peak times), all day, are set to return. Popular Nova news man (more recently at Q 102), Bob Gallico, has joined the station and his first bulletin is expected to be heard at 07:00 tomorrow (Monday). He teams up with current 'news girl', Lisa and breakfast jock Pat, to present a 'Zoo - type' breakfast show. Tina Gates takes over after lunch and George Long will also be heard at other times. Further recruitment on this side is possible we understand. Tony Allan, presenter of the 'Drive time' show for the past two and a half weeks, 'moved on' mid week last and Tony McKenzie replaced him, but not before he left scores of excellent promos in his wake including many for competitions and for the station generally. One such jingle suggests that Energy is the training ground for RTE, another tells a 'would - be' deejay how to stand a chance of getting on the station.... by sticking tape over his mouth! The Energy private line has been introduced and calls with suggestions and the like will be accepted at all times on (01) 606703. The jackpot prize for their big competition is now up to £11,900. 'I Love Energy 103' is the key phrase here. Every Thursday during May, random dates are read out, and lucky callers with birthdays on this date get a prize (it is Energy's birthday during May). Some good prizes have been won, and we understand that next Thursday, the last one, several big prizes are waiting to be claimed. They include a crate of champagne, a CD player and a camping holiday. Well in excess of 100 prizes will have been given away by the time next Thursday is over.

At **Q 102**, the 'Eye in the Sky' had a different voice on it this week, with Dave Kelly standing in for Mickey Joe (Mike Hogan), who is set to return to his 'high' position, on Tuesday. Despite his early start, Dave also presented his normal 10:00 till 14:00 show, each day.

**Sunshine Radio** have introduced yet another FM transmitter, this time on 101.8MHz. This is in addition to 100.5, 101.0, 101.5MHz., 531 and 846kHz. A full page advert in today's Sunday World seems to be seeking additional presenters for the station. This, along with mentions of another name, plus the six transmitters, can only suggest that a second service is very imminent. Perhaps this is what 'the big cahoon' is all about.

**Co. TIPPERARY.** Centre Radio in Clonmel have now got a relay on 104MHz., in Cahir, with a power of 80 watts. The station can also be heard on 1251kHz. and locally on FM, possibly 88.1 and/or 101.0MHz.

**Co. SLIGO.** Chris reports that **Westside Radio** are the only station on the air in this town. They broadcast on FM, 97.5MHz, and although have apparently recently reduced their broadcasting time by several hours down to 11:00 - 17:00.

**Co. KILDARE.** A request for new presenters for the Naas station, **Zee 104** was made in a live call to Radio West this morning, by station owner Nigel Gordon. The number to ring was (045) 75296.

**ZEE 104 FM**  
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**Co. DONEGAL.** The station heard by Brian last Sunday, identifying as **Westside Radio** (a different one from the Sligo station of the same name), later announced that it was operating from Mountcharles, which is a few miles west of Donegal Town. They are operating on 1125kHz.

Also in this area, Brian logged a relay of RTE Radio 2 on 1566kHz. This is understood to be a test in preparation for yet another station, actually in Donegal Town itself. As yet we have no more details about the name, although in a telephone call to the Radio West Anorak show this morning, Andy Ellis of ABC Radio, mentioned the name as KTOK and stated that he had actually received it after dark. Also in this county, Radio Nova has not been heard on either AM or FM, for at least a week, although a blank carrier was noted on the FM channel. NWCR were also off the air, on 1008kHz., today.

**Co. LOUTH.** The tests from **Radio Sovereign** which we mentioned last week, came to an end at 17:00 on Sunday evening, 17th May. No more transmissions were heard until Wednesday, when the same test tape was aired throughout the day on 1521kHz. According to Now Radio, the broadcast team is currently being sorted out, and will be announced in a couple of weeks. The tests were heard again, today, briefly, along with the regular Radio Rainbow Free Radio Show at mid - day.



**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** A letter reaches us from Mike Davis, with a brief run down of news from the past couple weeks. The ship went into Ashdod Port on Sunday, 10th May 1987, and the new 10kW AM transmitter arrived the following day, along with Tim Shepherd. The overhauled Perkins generator was also returned to the ship. The transmitter was hoisted aboard, along with its P.S.U.. Both units being very compact, but quite heavy, as all the D.J.'s and male office staff found out, when they assisted in moving it about the ship. Over the next few days Noam, and Tim Shepherd, assisted by Tony Stevens (engineer), as well as others, assembled the transmitter from 10 crates of parts. A spring clean of the ship was also undertaken, with Abie also helping with brush and dust pan in hand. The AM aerial was also repaired, and the ships 2nd engineer Radha, spent many hours at the top of the mast attaching it. After many problems, it was finally hoisted aloft, and is still there. The aerial has now been attached to the transmitter, but the station is now awaiting an inspection from a Ministry of



Communications official for insurance purposes, before transmissions on AM can resume. FM broadcasts resumed on Thursday 14th May 1987, with reduced power of 6kW (24kW ERP), due to a fault. When a new part is received, full power will resume. The new AM transmitter is a Nautel 10kW unit, and is of solid state, modular construction. It is understood to be tuned to 1539kHz. (The station broadcast on 1530kHz when last on AM, and could be received occasionally in the U.K.)

On the programme side, Dave Asher has now left, and Neil Armstrong is about to return to the U.K. Tim Shepherd has returned as an engineer, as well hosting the breakfast shows. Other staff remain as before.

**LASER 'HOT HITS'.** A report from a subscriber in the week, who took a trip to see the radioships last Sunday, mentioned that strange things were going on around the Communicator. It now appears from radar checks, that the m.v. Communicator is no longer in the Knock Deep Channel. At this point in time we have no further details, but hope to have some real news about the vessel next week.

**CAROLINE.** Being short staffed once more this week, the station reverted to a 20 hour schedule, with the following line-up. 05:00 Kevin Turner... 09:00 Tony Peters... 13:00 John Tyler... 17:00 Tony Peters... 19:00 John Tyler... 21:00 David Foster... 01:00 Closedown. Steve Conway continues to read the news throughout the day, with the intro music now being played in the background, throughout the duration of the bulletins. A severe northerly wind during the week, incurred its wrath on the Ross Revenge and its crew. However they managed to battle through all the records being thrown about, microphones moving, half way through a link, and studio chairs about to fall over. A new promo for the Caroline Rock Show has been heard, for its venue in Bury St. Edmunds. A second was heard today, for a venue in Chatham, on Friday night next.

As expected, a staff change began to take place this morning (24th May), with John Tyler being heard on the mid - morning show, followed by the return of Peter Philips at 13:00. At the time of printing, 17:00, a new voice was heard, introducing himself, after the first record, as Andy Robin. Andy has previously worked offshore, on the Voice of Peace. It is not known at this stage whether 24 hour operation will return, or in fact, if any other presenters are on board, or who indeed, has come off the ship.

**LAND - BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** From stories we have received here during the week, it appears as though the DTI were let into the **Radio Merseywaves** studio on 15th May, without a warrant. However, as far as we know under the Telecom Act which was passed around a year ago, the DTI do have the authority to forcibly enter premises, without a warrant, which are suspected of having an unlicensed transmitter within them. A warrant is normally obtained however 'to keep everyone happy'.

**Radio Julie** were in Birkenhead Magistrates Court on Tuesday, and this time were fined a total of £200, including costs. The court case was apparently well attended with supporters, and many members of the other stations on Merseyside were also present. The station have been back on the air this weekend, although we did not hear them until Saturday night, when they were putting in a good signal at this location. Their frequency as usual was 104.85MHz.

Last Sunday we were left wondering if there was still going to be some DTI activity in the area. In fact, whilst we were printing at 16:15, **Radio Merseyland** were actually being raided, and we understand that the station lost all its equipment. **Radio 976**, who also went off around this time, were back on the air on Monday morning, on 976kHz, and so were not involved in this activity. They were not logged any other day during the week, until Friday, when they reappeared on a different frequency of 936kHz, under the name of **Radio Atlantis**. An FM frequency is also promised, and an increase in the MW power for next week. This station were also heard with several adverts for shops in the area. Still only two presenters, Rick Dane and Steven Bishop have been heard on the station, which was giving an address for reception reports of 150 Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside. **Radio Merseywaves**, who returned to the air soon after last week's raid, were not heard either late on Sunday night, or all day Monday. They were having a few technical problems on Sunday afternoon, so this is thought to be the reason for their absence for the rest of the weekend. Two FM stations were logged here late on Sunday, 17th May. **Slag Off International** were heard on 105.3MHz, with programming at around 20:15. They are thought to have been heard earlier

at 18:00, but went off suddenly apparently due to the electricity supply cutting off. **CDFM** were also monitored with a brief transmission before 21:00 that evening, on 105.2MHz, right next to Slag Off. **CDFM** were the stronger of the two signals here in Blackpool.

**YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE.** One station which we failed to mention last week, was **Radio Nemesis**, who were operating on Saturday afternoon on 106MHz. These were apparently test transmissions. Sunday night seems to be the best time for listeners in Leeds, with several stations being heard on May 18th. With **Radio Radar** finishing their regular shows on 104.7MHz, at 17:00 you could have tuned around to four other stations. For those into black music, both **Music City Radio** on 90.3MHz, and **ABC - FM** on 94.6MHz were on the air. As from Friday evening, 22nd May, **MCR** are once again broadcasting in stereo, also with excellent audio. **ABC** are still having problems with their audio. **Ocean Sound** can be heard with a more pop type format around the south of the city, on 106.3MHz, with apparently a very entertaining show. They are now broadcasting in stereo. A split channel operation was noted today, with apparently the 106.3MHz transmitter being called Ocean Sound East, and on 105.2MHz an Ocean Sound West. The latter frequency being supplied by **Z- FM**. **Radio Veronica** on 105.5MHz, provide a more speech orientated programme, and are usually on later in the evening. **WLNG** were noted as normal on Tuesday night, 19th May. However they seemed to be having a few technical problems. **Z - FM** were promising to be on the air on Wednesday night, but we have no reports as yet of them being heard. They were on the air this afternoon however. The address of **ZFM** was announced as the same as Ocean Sound, c/o 4 Milton Court, Swinton, S64 8RE.

Much further South, a **North Midlands Radio** was heard in that area on 105.5MHz, during Sunday morning (today).

**THE MIDLANDS.** **Wrekin Radio** were the only station reported on air today and they were on 105.2MHz. **UK Radio** were on air last Sunday evening and are expected to be back once again, tonight. Their frequency is 105.25MHz.

**GLASGOW.** **Radio Mercury** did appear last week, although problems with the tape machine meant that only part of the show went out. They are on the air again today, on 96.1MHz, and, in fact, are repeating last week's unheard show. Some new jingles have been noted. **Neon Radio** have been heard almost every night this past week, and also today, for one hour over lunchtime, from 13:00 to 14:00, on around 99.5MHz. They are also understood to be broadcasting a syndicated IBA programme on Saturday nights, which the local station, **Radio Clyde**, does not take.

**LONDON.** In his report on the past week, Sid tells us that he identified all 19 of the stations he heard (6 in stereo), including two new ones, **MRS** and **London Town**, who were both in mono.

Missing or not heard this weekend of 17th May, were Southside, South West Sound, **Radio Gemini**, Phase 1, and **RJR**. Have we heard the last of **Elite FM**? Like **Peoples Choice Radio** before it, they were broadcasting from the North Surrey area, where **London Town** now appear to be coming from. **London Rock** failed to make its second official appearance this Saturday (16th May), leaving **R-FM** as the only rock station on air this week.

Lunchtime on Sunday saw **R-FM** coming loud and clear in South London on 94.3MHz., although in Central London it sounded like another station was trying to break through. Broadcasting hours were given as 10:00-23:00, which is different from their previous schedule. Transmissions had disappeared by 21:00 when they were next checked. **R-FM** are looking to expand in the near future, and are now looking for new presenters. Those interested should send a thirty minute tape to **R-FM**, 291 Cricklewood Lane, London NW2 2JL. Maybe, somewhere buried deep in the London suburbs, there is a budding Wolfman Jack waiting to be discovered....

The only non-black music stations on the air this weekend, were **Network 21**, still offering free records, and **London Town** on 92.65MHz. **London Town** appeared Sunday afternoon with back-to-back all hits/oldies format. DJ links were kept to a minimum. Station announcements, solicited advertisers for the station, which would be broadcasting, Central, South, and West London on Saturdays and Sundays. It sounded very professionally put together, with a strong signal in South London and North Surrey. Reception suffered in Central London by being sandwiched between a much improved **Studio 1** and the Guildford BBC Radio 4 main relay.

**LWR's** non-appearance at the end of the week was explained by Wayne Turner when they returned, slightly off their normal



frequency of 92.05MHz., early on Saturday morning. He referred to technical difficulties, which had been bugging them through the week and had finally caused them to go off air two days earlier. While their engineers had been sorting out the transmitters, others had move the location of the studio from the 32nd to the 31st floor! Sound quality at this point was not up to the usual standard, with lots of clicks, and a hum in the background. Transmissions continued on like this, with stereo being promised for later Saturday night, until Sunday morning when programmes stopped again. By the evening, transmissions had recommenced and this time the engineers had sorted everything out, and they were back to a good quality mono signal on their normal frequency.

TKO had drifted down the band from their normal position to 90.4MHz, which brought them perilously close to the Guildford Radio 3 TX on 90.3MHz. This could be the reason why they had disappeared by Sunday lunchtime.

Mighty Quest - FM, on 89.85MHz, have sorted out their signal problems this weekend, although it is understood they had a couple of days off during the week.

Studio 1 had also returned by Friday evening 15th May on 92.85MHz, with a strong clear signal, and no overnight relays of other stations. A new station MRS on 94.3MHz, was identified in the early hours of Saturday morning, and may well have been testing on Friday evening, as snatches of music were heard intermittently, on the same frequency. Programming was continuous live mixing of soul music, with an obvious club DJ, providing links and ID's.

It looks as though the Greek stations were hit again this week, as none were on-air Friday evening, but had all re-appeared by Saturday evening.

Stations heard starting on Friday night, over the Bank Holiday Weekend include CDR on 88.7MHz, Rock To Rock on 90.4MHz, TKO on 90.6MHz, Phase 1 FM on 90.9MHz, Sky FM on 91.8MHz, LWR on 92.05MHz, Solar 93 on 93.1MHz, KISS - FM on 93.9MHz, R - FM on 94.3MHz, Traffic FM on 97.8MHz, Time - FM on 103.7MHz, and JBC on 103.7MHz. Listeners to R - FM in East London / Essex, had a few problems this afternoon, with a foreign language station obliterating all other signals between 94.1 and 94.5MHz. The origin of this signal is not known. Around 92.0MHz there was also a station relaying Radio Caroline, directly off air. Again, the source of this was not known.

ESSEX. The DTI struck in this area last weekend, with a massive raid on Canvey Radio, on Sunday 17th May, at 15:30. We understand that the raid consisted of 6 DTI men, along with 4 police cars. The raid was obviously well planned, as the station had many look outs, and the DTI apparently turned up in hired vans, and not the expected cars. We understand that they went after the studio site, and not the main FM transmitter, which was remote and accessed via a link. All the studio gear was taken including a CD player, and a spectrum analyser. Only the records on the turntable were taken however. One man was charged with operating the station. Due to the raid, Radio Hot Wire on 105.8MHz closed down shortly after beginning their own transmissions. This was for security reasons, as suspicious vehicles had been seen in their area the previous week, probably checking out the stations exact location.

## HOT WIRE

FM 105.8 MHz Sundays 3-5pm

The 'Soul House' show with

STEVE WILLIAMS

& THE PIG'n' MEGA

MIX SHOW FEATURING

Chris Benson

The only station in this area which was reported today, was a Canvey Community Radio, which was heard on 93.0MHz.

We are not sure if this is the same station that was raided last week, as the frequency is much different.

### SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

The operator of Free Medway Town Radio (F.M.T.R.), was in front of Sheerness Magistrates Court during the week, and suffered a rather nasty shock when the sentence was announced. Guilty was the verdict, on all three charges (three separate transmissions, on three dates), with a fine of £200 on each charge. Along with the costs this came to a total of £620. To top it all, every item taken by the DTI at the time of the raid, was ordered to be confiscated, which included cartridge machines, mixers, and three transmitters. All in all, a bad day, with the fine being the highest we know of against a shortwave free radio operator.

### Log for Sunday 24th May 1987.

6200kHz...UNID., at 10:55gmt.  
6217kHz...B.R.I., at 09:17gmt.  
6217kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:20gmt.  
6232kHz...UNID.(B.R.I.?), at 11:10gmt.  
6240kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 10:08gmt.  
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 11:25gmt.  
6267kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:01gmt.  
6270kHz...UNID., at 10:55gmt.  
6275kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:37gmt.  
6275kHz...ATLANTA RADIO, at 09:12gmt.  
6280kHz...UNID.(German), at 10:04gmt.  
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:58gmt.  
6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:01gmt.  
6290kHz...UNID., at 11:09gmt.  
6297kHz...RADIO NOVA (BELGIUM), at 08:35gmt.  
6312kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 08:32gmt.  
6318kHz...SOUTHEAST RADIO INT., at 08:46gmt.  
7361kHz...RADIO 101, at 08:20gmt.

Today's conditions were only fair, with distant stations being heard early on, and more local ones being heard towards lunchtime. Logs in BOLD are ours, here in Blackpool, others were kindly rung in on (0253) 882017, from the Midlands and Yorkshire. One noticeable absence today was Radio Delmare, who normally relay many stations on 6206kHz.

We were a bit confused as to what was happening around 6217kHz, with ourselves hearing Riverside Radio, and others hearing B.R.I. We later thought we heard B.R.I. on 6232kHz., but signals at that time were poor.

The unidentified station on 6290kHz, was playing what sounded like an offshore radio documentary. Reception became too poor to find out the actual station name, although a report from the Midlands told us that Radio Orion were on that channel a bit earlier.

The new station on 6318kHz, Southeast Radio Int., announced also as S.R.I. and gave out a P.O. Box address in the Netherlands, although we were unable to catch it all.

Amendments to last weeks log from Podney include WESTSIDE RADIO INT., (Test TX) on 6200kHz., at 12:18gmt., RIVERSIDE RADIO on 6217kHz.. at 08:29gmt., MAPLE LEAF RADIO on 6217kHz., at 10:48gmt., WESTSIDE RADIO INT. on 6232kHz., at 12:23gmt., RADIO DUCK on 6260kHz., at 12:14gmt. and 6270kHz., at 08:34gmt., SBC on 6280kHz., at 11:56gmt., RADIO JEOPARDY on 6280kHz., at 05:50gmt., EUROPA INT., on 6329kHz., at 08:59gmt. and RADIO CALDONIA on 7376kHz.. at 08:41gmt.

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# **The WEEKLY**

## **REPORT**

### **ANORAKS**

#### **The First with the News in Print**

No. 161.....31st May 1987.

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Never has a subject caused so much rumour as the recent moving of the radio ship, m.v. Communicator. All sorts of reports and stories came in and until we were sure which ones were true, we declined to comment in either the report, or on our answer - line service, simply stating the only fact that we knew to be correct, was that the ship was no longer in the Knock Deep. We are now in possession of facts and these are duly printed in the appropriate section later. Three questions, however, still remain unanswered, Was the ship towed away, a. because of un - paid tendering bills, b. because of the new Territorial Seas Bill or c. in order to erect a new antenna in a safer and calmer place than the Knock Deep? A combination of all three could be the answer.

Irish readers will once again receive the report one day late due to the Bank Holiday on their side.

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Nothing to add this week, unfortunately, but we must apologise for the continued delay with EAP's video's and our own loop/frame aerials, although the situation with the latter has improved slightly. We are endeavouring to eliminate these delays which are unfortunately, beyond our control.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Lots of these, this week, starting with **Radiotelex** Issue 99, which contains details on the raid on Radio Delmare, as well as plenty of other news, plus all the free radio stations logged on shortwave during the past two weeks. For a sample copy of this A4 newsletter along with subscription details, send 40p to Anoraks U.K..... Issue 26 of **PIN MAGAZINE** is now available, and contains 44 pages of news and features on the radio scene. This A4 publication is printed entirely in German and concentrates mainly on continental radio stations. For more information on this magazine write to PINMAGAZINE, Postfach 22 03 42, 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany..... According to **PLAY - DX** No. 463, unusual loggings, especially from North America, seem to be getting much rarer. However the magazine still contains plenty of information on QSL policy and other pieces of data, useful to DXers. For more details write to Dario Monferini, v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... **CLCG Magazine** Issue 119 has 32 x A4 pages, and is all written in German. The contents include logs, copies of stickers and newspaper articles, as well as news and stories. For more information write to CLCG, Postfach 54 01 01, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany..... **Short Wave Newsletter** Issue 16, contains world radio news and logs, along with a free radio section, and features on QSL card practice, and audience research

on the short wave bands. For your free sample copy of this fortnightly publication (one only), send to SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH..... **FRS GOES DX** was the final new magazine to arrive this week. Containing plenty of news and views on both the shortwave and offshore scene, this issue, No. 59, has a large editorial on the raid two weeks ago, on Radio Delmare. For more information on this regular 16 page publication, write to FRS Holland, P.O.Box 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands..... **Britain Radio International Newsletter**, 'Birthday Edition - 7 years on'. All about events surrounding this long established station, on a single A4 sheet (both sides). An SAE to 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NG should get you a copy.

**TAPE OFFER.** We head down to the Midlands for our first offer this week, Tape 55, of the well established station **Radio PCRL**. This recording was made on 24th May, in FM mono, and includes several types of music including some jazz instrumentals. **ABC Radio** in Waterford, Eire is our port of call for Tape 56, which features a Tony Murrell Drive Time. This recording is in FM stereo. As usual both tapes are 90 minutes long and cost £2.00 each.

**VOICE OVERS.** At last, here is your chance to have 'the one and only' Tony Allan do your own personal voice overs, adverts, promos., etc. Telephone Dublin 793993, before June 18th 1987, for details. When enquiring, please mention that you read about it in Weekly Report.

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**GENERAL.** Radio Caroline.... List of D.J.'s since August 1983 is available free of charge, on request. This list is bang up to date. However, our D.J. Theme Tune List has been delayed due to, apart from too much work, a massive amount of information at hand, thanks to numerous correspondents, in particular, Chris in Cambridge, who have researched the subject so thoroughly that the whole list will have to be re-structured. The subject is very much alive and we are working on it at this time, but everyone, and that means a lot of people now, will have to just bear with us a little longer.

**WANTED.** FM recordings of Radio Nova (Dublin), in return for FM recordings of Dublin stations currently on air. Contact : Gerry Sheridan, 39 St. Gerard's Road, Greenhills, Dublin 12, EIRE.

**WANTED.** To buy or exchange, high quality FM recordings of "All Night Nova" or as an alternative Q 102's "The All - Nighter"..... contact Bryan Roberts, 55 Mereheath Park, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6AS..... Tel: (0565) 50529.

**CONTACTS.** David Williams would like to hear from anyone in Europe who, like himself, is absolutely mad on listening to 'pirate' radio stations. He can be contacted at 11 Chamberlayne Road, Pilands Estate, Bursledon, Nr. Southampton, Hampshire SO3 8DZ.

**AIR RAID TAPES.** This will hopefully be the last time we use this heading. We are now about to wind up all the Air Raid affairs, and so if any of our readers have not yet used their credit notes, then we would appreciate it if they could be used as soon as possible.

**GENERAL.** The Caroline Movement Thanet Branch Newsletter No. 17 arrived here this week, and in it we noted a slight alteration to their Bar-B-Q and video evening. It is actually to be held on 4th July, and not the 11th as previously mentioned. For more information telephone (0843) 821112. The "Overdrive Review of the Year" tape, is once again available, following a few problems. For your copy, send £3.00 to Jenny Knight, 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Nr. Ramsgate CT2 4JG.

**RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.** Co. DUBLIN. The main Dublin news revolves not around a station, but around a news reader this week. We do feel that no one is indispensable, but in this case it appears that whichever news service is employing Bob Gallico, that becomes the one to tune to. Bob's reliability, voice and general professionalism is doubtless the reason. As was mentioned last week, Bob Gallico did indeed appear on **Energy 103**, beginning last Monday morning. He read his first news at 07:00, along with Lisa Moore. The two newsreaders, and D.J. Pat Courtney then went on to present a 'Morning Zoo' type show and have done so each week day since. A full news service has returned to the station, with Sybil Fennell also being heard, along with Bob, on the main news at 13:00, with Tina Gates and George Long being heard at other times. On the other hand, poor **Q - 102**, must not have been expecting the loss of a newsreader, as the morning news bulletins have been a bit sparse this week, to say the least. Martin Block was heard during the first few days, with Brian Jennings filling in on Thursday and Friday. On numerous occasions, no news was featured at all, up to the hour, as is the norm, although Anne Cassin was heard after lunch and throughout the afternoons, all week. An advert was being run up until Thursday, for a replacement newsreader. All the usual qualifications were needed, and auditions were to be held all week, no doubt to have the successful person on air by tomorrow morning. We now await to see who will have been accepted for that post. Mike Hogan duly re-appeared on Tuesday last, 'high in the sky' with his traffic service "Eye in the Sky". Although the traffic situation is well covered, much more emphasis is placed on entertainment in the 'links' with the 'copter. Even callers to the phone in feature "I Hate That...." are linked up, with some very entertaining ones noted at times. The service takes a long weekend off, due to the Irish Bank Holiday, and returns on Tuesday at 08:30. A bit of a mystery here, on Friday morning, Energy's Lisa Moore, was heard to say, after a traffic report, 'traffic news from Fiat's 'Eye in the Sky'. Have the stations done a deal or was it just taken and mistakenly credited to them? The answer next week!

**Sunshine Radio's** "Big Cahoon" also offers someone a D.J. job on their station, in return for a 30 second telephone audition, according to one promo we heard. We have to admit that we don't fully understand exactly what it all means, but maybe that is the idea, to keep people interested and listening. If anyone reading this does, please drop us a line and we can fully explain what this "Big Cahoon" business is all about. In the meantime, of course, stay tuned in! Boy George has been heard on one promo for this, and Samatha Fox on another.

Just turning to the reception side of the above three Dublin 'Super - pirates', for a moment, listeners in the North West of England seem to be suffering from lower power signals, hence interference from other stations on the same or adjacent channel. Energy's 738kHz. channel is without question, the best for high power, with nothing within many hundreds of miles on there, and little of any significance either side. However, power has gradually gone down and down and listening on a simple receiver, even on the West coast of the U.K. is very poor indeed. After dark is totally out of the question. Q 102, on the other hand, have a good signal on 819kHz., but even so, Cavan Community Radio can be heard playing merrily away underneath, during quieter passages of music, or speech. As a result the signal 'wobbles' on a modest receiver. We always thought that Q should have gone on 846kHz., back at the start, although Sunshine have since taken this channel, which is very good, except that two local North West England BBC stations sit either side, which can cause some splatter on less selective sets. Finally, Sunshine's initial channel, 531kHz., still remains a favourite, although they use very much lower power there now, than previously, which is a shame. All the above, really applies to listeners on the North

West coast, once one travels a little way inland, even these signals drop off considerably. Still, there is always the 'after dark' skip for them to listen out for.

A feature in the "RTE Guide" on the subject of 24 hour operation of Radio 2, included details of new recruits, ex - pirates, Colm Hayes and Gerry Stevens. A photo of Colm Hayes was included, to go along with the fact that he was about to present his first show at 18:02 this evening.

Finally on Dublin, colleagues, Ian and Ken had a run to the coast, last weekend, to Portpatrick, near Stranraer, and found a suitable high place and checked the Dublin FM scene. All the usual Dublin stations were logged, plus stations in Counties Westmeath and Louth. Additionally, **Radio North** from Co. Donegal was logged on 96.1 and 97.7MHz. **Zee 103**, we are told, was by far the strongest signal received.

**Co. WICKLOW.** Following reports of poor audio on **WLCB's** signal, we spent one afternoon in the week, listening, or trying to listen to this Wicklow station on 1602kHz. Despite a quite good signal, audio was, indeed, extremely low with music difficult to identify at times. However, on the ad. breaks, the audio became so loud, the speaker in our receiver rattled. Some quite simple adjustments would be the only thing needed here, in order to ensure a pleasant sound. One report mentioned that the station has possibly been taken over, and this may result in these problems being sorted out. Low power FM transmissions on around 101.9MHz. cover Wicklow town, we understand.

**Co. WATERFORD.** **ABC Radio**, with AM transmissions on 1026kHz., and various FM relays, plan yet further improvements in Waterford City itself. The FM signal in the city, is difficult to receive in parts, particularly in such places as factories, where many people listen. The audio quality of their signal is second to none, as can be noted on this week's tape offer. The AM transmitter, still to be found at their original location in Tramore, on the coast, may also be moved, in order to improve the AM signal in their prime listening area, Waterford city. **Waterford Local Radio**, the other main station, following an injection of some £20,000 from a local business consortium, seek to gain all the agency adverts currently heard on ABC. The stations don't really compete with each other, as WLR tends to concentrate on local issue programming, as opposed to ABC's formatted music programming. WLR can be heard on 1197kHz.AM and FM locally. **Crystal Radio**, who recently seemed to have altered their name slightly from Crystal City Sound, now have a new address of 22 Michael Street, Waterford. The station broadcasts on 1512kHz., and around 102MHz. However the AM signal suffers heavily at night, even locally, from the powerful Belgian on the same channel.

**Co. LOUTH.** All quiet in this county, it seems, with no return of the **Boyneside Radio** FM relays, heard before the raid of a few weeks ago. **Radio Sovereign** has not emerged on 1521kHz., as yet, although, we feel sure that the station is currently being organised and will emerge very shortly. Conspicuous by it's absence however, this morning, was the **Radio Sovereign** test tape, heard for several days, in the past couple of weeks. A blank carrier was noted on 1521kHz., from about 07:30 until continuous music ensued at around 11:00, followed by the **Radio Rainbow** free radio show at mid - day. The transmitter was then switched off after this show.

**Co. WESTMEATH.** **Radio West** appears to have taken over the vacant 100.1MHz. spot on the band, after problems with the original 99.8MHz. channel, and this signal has duly been received here in Blackpool, from the site in Mullingar. Today's free radio show was dogged by problems at the start, 10:30, when the feed to the 702kHz. transmitter packed up and we were left with dead air. The link was restored by station owner, Sean Coyne, who dashed to the transmitter site and returned to the studios, all inside thirty minutes, when the show resumed. The station's Galway FM transmitter was reported on this show, to be now on the air, on 99.4MHz., with just 10 watts, covering the city. Higher power was promised, should no problems at this site, be encountered. The medium wave will follow, on Tuesday, hopefully, on 711kHz. The station can now be heard coast to coast on FM, and shortly on AM. They reckon that the station is reaching about 70% of the Irish population.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports from the Mediterranean this week, but, we wonder if the new medium wave transmitter is now active, on 1539kHz.

**CAROLINE.** As we went to print last Sunday, new voices were beginning to be heard following a shift change earlier in the day. Following the return of Peter Philips, a new voice to the station was Andy Robin, who sounded as though he had settled in quite quickly. After the Bank Holiday schedule, he is now to be heard on the mid - morning show. A second new presenter was heard later on Sunday evening. This time it was yet another Australian female voice. So far we haven't had much chance to hear her shows, although she seems to be calling herself Jackie Lee. The new line up is thus... 05:00 Peter Philips... 09:00 Andy Robin... 13:00 Tony Peters... 17:00 John Tyler... 21:00 Jackie Lee... 01:00 Closedown. Staff who left the ship last weekend, were David Foster and Kevin Turner, along with Dutch colleagues, Dick Verheul, Jan Weldkamp and Erwin van der Blick. The latter, in turn, were replaced by Ad Roberts, Wim de Valk and Luke P.

Steve Conway is still working hard, compiling and reading all the days news bulletins. However, over the weekend period, the station went 24 hours, and Steve in addition to news, was also hosting the 01:00 - 05:00 slot. As a result, although he read Saturday morning news, he was obviously in his bunk during the daytime, and John Tyler was heard to read the 13:00 bulletin in his place. A brand new advert for Lotto 6/49 has been heard throughout the week. We understand that in exchange for promoting Lotto 6/49, some new parts have now been obtained for both the diplexer and the 558kHz transmitter. These parts are about to be installed, which will mean that the diplexer will be able to carry much more power. This, along with new transmitter parts, and the return of Peter Chicago last weekend, means that within the next few weeks, the power output on 558kHz will be increased to approaching 10kW, which has been promised for a long time now. This should greatly improve



the coverage area, especially during the evenings. The power on 963kHz is expected to remain the same, at 25kW, in order not to over-run the generators.

It keeps looking less likely that 'Overdrive' will ever return. We have now heard that in a few weeks, Viewpoint 963 will be extending its hours yet again. It appears as though this will now last until 23:00 on Sunday, giving almost no time at all for any alternative music shows.

# Mystery as pirate radio quits coast

**THE** pop pirate radio station Laser 558 has quit the North Sea airwaves – but whether by force or voluntarily remains a mystery.

The whereabouts of the one-time cattle ship Communicator which had been moored off Walton was this week understood to be off Dunkirk.

It is believed she was towed there by a Belgium trawler on Tuesday last week.

But while it is known the American outfit which ran the station was deep in debt and was finding it difficult to get supplies, the reason for the move is not known.

A spokesman for the Free Radio Association said: "We don't know whether she was snatched by creditors or not.

At the moment: "She has not been taken into any harbour and is anchored outside the limit off Dunkirk," the spokesman said.

Another source said the ship had left her moorings voluntarily for two reasons and denied that creditors were responsible.

Firstly a proposed act of Parliament is likely to extend the legal limit from three to 12 miles for coastal broadcasting.

And secondly he suggested in view of the amount of work

to be carried out on the vessel including the construction of a new broadcasting mast it was decided it would be safer to move her nearer to France while the work was carried out.

After a year's enforced silence the 489-ton vessel which broadcast for nearly two years returned to the airwaves last year following a complete refit.

She had been bought by Frinton businessman, Ray Anderson, who heads a locally based communications company at a bargain price of £35,000 and later sold to the company which now runs her.

**LASER 'HOT HITS'.** Well, the rumours are certainly flying around, about the station, some of which are a bit far fetched, to say the least. According to several 'eye witness' reports, the m.v. Communicator is currently lying at anchor approximately 18 miles North West of Dunkirk. One report tells us that a couple more 'dents' have appeared on it since it was last seen in the Knock Deep! The ship is manned by a skeleton crew, but only one disc jockey, Paul Jackson is still on board. The other jocks have either returned to the U.S. or are staying in the U.K. We understand that some problems arose with the 'new' owners, when it was discovered how much was owed for fuel etc. obtained since Laser's re-launch, last December. This has apparently now been sorted out, and money can be spent by its new owners in getting the ship back to broadcasting standard, with new masts, adequate insulators etc. A spokesman for the new owners informs us that weather permitting, they hope to be back on the air about three weeks after they officially take 'command' of the vessel. The cutting re-printed above comes from the Harwich and Manningtree Standard of Friday 29th May 1987. It just about summarises all other newspaper reports.

**LAND - BASED STATIONS.** **MERSEYSIDE.** Radio Merseywaves were noted on Monday as usual and back on the air this weekend, beginning on Friday morning. Station owner, Burt Williams has now got the transmitter operating exactly on channel, 1242kHz, once again, eliminating the annoying off-channel whistle. The signal level and audio quality audible here in Blackpool seem to be the best ever, although some problems were noted on Sunday afternoon and the station left the air from time to time.

**Radio Julie** were first noted here, at just before 20:00 on Friday night. They were not heard earlier in the day, and we assume that broadcasts must have commenced around 18:00. The station continues to put out a very good signal in our direction, although stereo reception is a bit hissy. However, considering we are about 40/50 miles away and on a flat area, this isn't surprising.

**Radio Atlantis**, on 936kHz, were back on the air this weekend, again with only two presenters, Steven Bishop and Rick Dane. According to one non-Anorak, who stumbled across them, 'the music's good, with very little chat, adverts or news'. Having said that, at close-down, at 17:00 on Saturday, Rick Dane gave out the station address for correspondence and asked for advertisers to contact them at the same address. Radio Atlantis did not reappear until 15:00 on Sunday afternoon, when Steven Bishop announced that they would be on the air until 21:00. Radio Merseywaves, earlier in the week, were heard to say that no advertising would be accepted at all, on their station, as everything is funded out of the deejay's pockets. Charity and community notices will be read out free of charge.

No other stations have been heard from this area during the past week, although in Tim Jackson's Merseyside Report, he mentions that **Chester Community Radio** were on the air on Bank Holiday Sunday, between 19:00 and midnight. They had to move to 104.2MHz, due to ILR Marcher Sound moving frequency to 103.4MHz last week.

**MANCHESTER.** A rather interesting station was reported to us on Friday morning with a strong signal in that area. The station was broadcasting a **Campaign for a Conservative Britain**, on 104.7MHz. This is obviously intended as a station just for the election period, and

the report also mentioned that it appeared as if a continuous tape was being played. We may expect more stations such as this, over the next couple of weeks, especially from Radio Enoch, who normally broadcast on shortwave at times of high political interest. Also in the Manchester area, a comment on Piccadilly Radio apologised for interference to their 103MHz. outlet, which was apparently being caused by the drifting transmitter of I.C.R. (Independent Community Radio). This station is normally on the air on a Saturday on a frequency around 103MHz., and plays reggae/soul music to the Moss Side area of Manchester. Sunshine Radio hoped to be on the air last night on 92.2MHz., but were being wary in case of DTI activity brought about by the above mentioned interference. **YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE.** Bank Holiday Monday brought very little action in the Leeds area, with only **Music City Radio** being heard on their usual frequency of 90.3MHz. The signal as usual was good, but was only in mono. Early in the week, **Z - FM** on 105.2MHz., announced that they might change their name to Centre Radio. On Wednesday 27th May, a station called **Centre Radio** was in fact heard on that frequency, using the old jingle package from the ILR station of the same name. Later on at 21:55, **Z - FM** were heard taking over from Centre Radio, so it appears as if the latter was just being relayed. The address was the same as **Z - FM**, and letters should be addressed to presenter Tim Prince. In Derbyshire, **Radio Nemesis** are to change frequency to 107MHz., apparently due to alleged interference to **Z FM**! **Radio Radar** were noted on the air in Leeds today, with their final broadcast, for some time. This is due to shortage of staff and other commitments. The frequency was 104.7MHz., in stereo. Last night, **Ocean Sound** were logged on 106.3MHz., from Rotherham. **Music City Radio** have not been noted however, this weekend, at the time of going to press.

**GLASGOW.** Some disagreements concerning Radio Mercury, between the transmitter owner and the programme makers, meant that last week's scheduled programmes did not go ahead. The presenters are now looking at other means of transmitting their programmes, and indeed may well have found a way, as an unidentified station was reported on 96.1MHz., with a very weak signal, today. Radio Mercury, of course, broadcast on 96.1MHz. **Neon Radio** were once again heard from 13:00 until 15:00 today, on a frequency, starting at 98.0 and working its way down to 97.6MHz!

**HERTFORDSHIRE.** **Radio Neptune** were heard on the air, during Bank Holiday Monday on 1566kHz. This station now only operates on odd occasions, and can be contacted at 9 Concorde Drive, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. Thanks to SSM for information on this one.

**THE MIDLANDS.** Last Sunday evening, U.K. Radio were received locally, on 105.3MHz., along with **Continuous Music Radio** on 94.25MHz. **Radio PCRL** have been noted at all times of the week, on around 103.7/8MHz. **Soul City** are now broadcasting each second Sunday (next expected 7th June). They were heard over the Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday last, on 103.3MHz., with superb audio, playing many CD's. **Soul City** broadcast from Rugeley in Staffordshire. In Stafford itself, **"AD87"** are broadcasting late hours on Friday night/Saturday mornings on 106MHz. No mailing address has been given out for either of the last two stations.

**LONDON.** In an update of the previous week, 18th to 25th May, our



reporter, Sid tells us he heard 23 stations in South London over that period. All were identified with the exception of one, which was testing intermittently on 94.6MHz., and playing Afro - Music, on Friday evening 22nd May. Spurious signals were also noted from RT-R (91.2MHz.), and MRS (105.5MHz.).

The DTI were out during the week, but despite this, virtually all the regulars were represented, even if only briefly. The three Greek stations were again removed. **Greek Community Radio**, on 105.35MHz. was back on Saturday, 21st May, and **London Greek Radio**, on 104.95MHz. by Monday 25th May. It seems that the Greeks have been hit twice this week, as has **RJR** (the Tottenham black community station), on 89.95MHz. The latter have only been heard briefly testing in stereo on Friday, and in the early hours of Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May. **Quest - FM** on 89.8MHz. were heard testing during the early hours of Sunday 24th May. It is not known if they are still suffering from technical troubles or raids. It is certainly nothing to do with their aerial, which sits on a thirty foot mast above a 25 story block of flats, and during the down time, has sprouted an extra two directors, to join the four already there.

**TKO** on 90.6MHz., have gone stereo this week, and with it a much improved signal.

**Traffic Jam**, on 97.95MHz., seem to be the low powered reggae station from the Wembley area, which has been picked up intermittently over the past month or so. During difficult reception conditions on Saturday, 23rd May, when the station was being blocked out by French skip from time to time, a particularly acerbic jockette, dedicated a track called 'One Night Stand', to Beverley of Sudbury, who had had plenty of experience of one night stands. Unfortunately for the listeners, Beverley's phone number wasn't included in the announcement!!

**Community Development Radio** on 88.7MHz., seem to be diversifying their programming somewhat. Heard this weekend, apart from the wonderfully enthusiastic Nighthawke's all night reggae show, have been programmes dedicated to 50's and 60's black rock n'roll, and E & B. Also what sounded like an Arabic presentation was heard twice in the week.

**London Town** on 92.45MHz., didn't make it back for Saturday, but were on air for Sunday (24th) and Monday (25th May), with a slight change of frequency, which still left them suffering from being adjacent to BBC Radio 4. Without any doubt London Town - FM, are the slickest, most upbeat and generally most professional sounding of any station currently broadcasting in Europe. If they go seven days, they must surely sweep the board and end up as Number One across the Capital. A programme schedule was being trailed for Saturday nights, which showed that they intend to be more than just a straight CHR station. Early evening had the top - forty style shows gradually changing to a mix of rock and dance music, until after midnight it became music for partying to, with a mix of top - forty, rock, soul, and reggae.

**Rock - FM** on 94.3MHz., London's only rock outlet, have hit problems again. No sooner had they settled on their new frequency, than MRS starts up on 94.3MHz. as well. The resulting banshee wail, meant that neither station was receivable across major parts of London, on Sunday.

Monday night (25th May), saw Dave Pearce off BBC Radio London's Nite - FM series pouring scorn on newspaper reports of trouble at the RUN/DMC/Beastie Boys concert at Brixton Academy. However, a much chastened **LWR** (92.05MHz.), presenter on the 13:00-15:00 lunchtime show (thought to be Jasper), painted a different picture. During an emotional fifteen minutes, he expressed sorrow and apologies to the 99.9% of the audience who were there to party and enjoy themselves. Unfortunately for them, the concert had also attracted the worst elements of the dregs of London. Because of his own sense of guilt /responsibility, he would now no longer publicise his own gigs on air, as he had no desire to see a repeat of these scenes. He finished by 'damning to hell', those people who caused the trouble and ruined the gig. Apparently similar scenes had occurred at a reggae festival held in the Wembley area on Monday, which had received heavy promotion from the North London reggae stations.

As Sid comments at the end of his report, let us hope that next week brings some more cheerful news.

The DTI seem to have been quiet in London during the week, as all stations have been on the air, with the exception of LWR. They appeared to have a carrier on 92MHz., but with white noise, indicating that their link may have gone down. Those stations logged so far this weekend include **Community Development Radio** on 88.6MHz., **RJR** on 89.95MHz., **Rock to Rock** on 90.2MHz., **Total Knock Out (TKO)** on 90.6MHz., **Sky - FM** on 91.8MHz., **Studio One** on 92.65MHz., **Solar 93** on 93.0MHz., **KISS - FM** on 93.9MHz., **Rock - FM**, on 94.3MHz., **Asian Community Radio** on 94.3MHz., **Traffic - FM** on 98.0MHz., **Time - FM** on 103.7MHz., **JBC** on 104.7MHz. There were also three Greek station audible on 88.5MHz, 105.0 MHz. (probably **London Greek Radio**), and 105.3MHz. Once again **R - FM** were having their signal blotted out by the other station on 94.3MHz, **Asian Community Radio**, who were also reported to be covering several channels.

Finally, North of this area, **ISIS FM** are regularly logged each Sunday evening, from 21:00 until 23:00 in the Oxford region, on 105MHz. The D.J. heard calls himself Pablo. Much correspondence is mentioned, but the station rarely gives out the mailing address, we are told.

#### SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Following the large fine imposed on the operator of F.M.T.R., last week, we heard this week of further bad news for short wave free radio stations in the form of a raid on one of the largest such stations, **Radio Delmare**. This station used to broadcast programmes from a variety of stations, using its powerful 1kW transmitter. The following is an extract from the front page of **Radiotelex** Issue 99, which relates to the incident.....<<The Antwerp based **Radio Delmare**, was raided last Sunday, May 17th, during the relay of **FRS - HOLLAND** transmissions, at approximately 10:30 UTC. The transmitter finally left the airwaves at around 1045 UTC. The station operator, **Johann Rood** was raided

by two RTT (Belgian postal authorities) men, as well as two members of the police, the so called **Rijkswacht**. These men were quite friendly, and only took the transmitter; no audio equipment such as tapes and records were confiscated. The antenna though, has been put under seal>>. This second raid at **Delmare**, is of course an enormous setback for **Delmare** itself, **FRS Holland**, and also to all the other stations that used to hire airtime over the powerful TX.

At this point we would also like to mention that **Johann** of **Delmare** urgently needs money as with an upcoming court case, he is to be fined heavily, or even has to face imprisonment. It might be considered a normal thing that in particular, all those stations that have profited by **Delmare's** good signal all over Europe, should now support **Johan** as well as they can. Remember that this has been his second raid, and last time he had to pay approximately DM 5500.

Finally, it appears that the raid has been initiated by both the British and Belgian authorities. It April this year the RAD Control in London sent a telex to the Belgian RTT complaining about **Delmare's** transmissions on 6206kHz. However, no specific reason is known for the complaint. Many thanks to **Peter Verbruggen** of **FRS Holland**, and **Radiotelex** for the above details.

**WANTED.** Due to the raid on **Radio Delmare**, **FRS Holland** is looking for a reliable station willing to relay the station every third Sunday. Payment for relays is no problem. Any serious station interested, can immediately write to: **Peter Verbruggen**, **FRS-HOLLAND**, P.O.Box 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands.

#### Log for Bank Holiday Monday 31st May 1987.

6290kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:17gmt.

#### Log for Sunday 31st May 1987.

6200kHz....**RADIO VALLERI**, at 11:40 & 12:30gmt.

6205kHz....**UNID.** (Radio Duck?), at 10:03gmt.

6210kHz....**UNID.** (E.M.R.?), at 10:00 & 11:50gmt.

6217kHz....**4FWS**, at 11:50gmt.

6220kHz....**S.B.C.**, at 08:11gmt.

6220kHz....**RADIO HEXAGON**, at 08:45gmt.

6220kHz....**RADIO RAINBOW GERMANY**, at 09:10gmt.

6232kHz....**BRITAIN RADIO INT.**, at 11:47gmt.

6240kHz....**RTE RADIO 2 (via Rainbow)**, at 09:50gmt.

6240kHz....**RADIO RAINBOW**, at 11:00gmt.

6267kHz....**RADIO ORION**, at 10:17gmt.

6275kHz....**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 09:58gmt.

6280kHz....**4FWS**, at 10:30gmt.

6280kHz....**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 11:00gmt.

6285kHz....**RADIO APOLLO**, at 09:23gmt.

6300kHz....**RADIO KRISTEL INT.**, at 09:45gmt.

6300kHz....**SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM.**, at 09:59gmt.

6311kHz....**NORTH DUBLIN C. RADIO**, at 09:17gmt.

6315kHz....**SOUTHEAST RADIO INT.**, at 10:45gmt.

6575kHz....**UNID.** (Radio .....Int.?), at 09:07gmt.

6850kHz....**FALCON RADIO**, at 09:50gmt.

6910kHz....**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 09:27gmt.

6910kHz....**WORLD MUSIC RADIO**, at 08:55gmt.

7361kHz....**RADIO 101**, at 09:20gmt.

As can be seen by the **BOLD** logs (ours), we did not fair very well, due to our main valve set being out of action, although, having said that, conditions were far from good, and perseverance was the name of the game today. Other loggers were slightly more successful, especially one who rang from the South Coast of England, which in itself suggests a quite long skip today. Other loggers kindly rang in on (0253) 882017, from Yorkshire, Staffordshire, the Midlands, and Devon. Just a couple of comments on the logs today. The Unidentified station on 6210kHz, had a girl at the microphone at about 11:50gmt, and was playing oldies. **Spectrum Leisure Communications** were also reported as announcing an FM stereo outlet on 103.9MHz, although which area this would be received in, we are not sure.

Additions to last Sunday's log from **Podney** and **Apollo DX**, include.... our **Unid.** on 6200kHz. was **Radio Valleri** at 10:55gmt., **4FWS** on 6260kHz., at 11:06gmt....**RADIO RAINBOW GERMANY** on 6280kHz., at 10:04gmt....**4FWS** on 6280kHz., at 11:01gmt....**RADIO ATLANTA** on 6290kHz., at 10:46gmt. **SSM** heard the station **S.R.I.** (Southeast Radio Int.), as **Static Radio International**, and since no one else appears to have logged it, we are still unsure as to the exact name and address. The 6217kHz. mystery... we confirmed it was **Riverside Radio**, others said it was **Britain Radio Int.** We now understand that it was indeed **Riverside Radio** with **Britain Radio's** **Roger Davis** doing a guest programme.

In a recent letter to one of our readers, **Michael Caine** of **Radio Skywave International** stated the following, which may be of interest to Sunday morning SW listeners....<<We have reluctantly decided to drop all broadcasts of **Radio Skywave** for the present, although we do intend to return at some stage in the future. The reason is that we are concentrating on FM. The station is called **Downtown Radio**, and is operating on 88.07MHz. FM, in the Dublin area. TX power is 50 watts into two SDH100 folded dipoles, giving an ERP of approximately 100 watts. Studio consists of a 9 channel mixer, two Marantz turntables, Sansui stereo cassette players, graphic equaliser etc. We are aiming at a community type of stations serving the North Inner City area of Dublin. Medium Wave may be added in the near future.>> We wish **Michael** all the best with his new station, and hope it won't be too long before **Radio Skywave** returns on SW once more.

Our thanks as always, for the news, information, cuttings, photos, recordings, to ever so many kind people, who, without their help this report would not be as comprehensive as it is.

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